



Donald R. Moore

June 3, 1936 - September 9, 2015

The world has lost a kind, humble, funny man....but Heaven has gained a special soul.

After a courageous battle with cancer and Parkinson's disease, Donald R. Moore, age 79, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2015.

Don married the love of his life, Betty(Reiser) Moore on November 3, 1962 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon and what he claims was the happiest day of his life. Betty survives along with their children and spouses: Dancie(Chris) Mohler of Celina, Ohio; Chris(Beth)Moore of Napoleon; Kyle(Paula)Moore of Napoleon. His 2 dogs, Buddy & Scooter, also mourn his passing.

Don is survived by 8 grandchildren who adored their Grandpa...Eric, Keaton & Cami Mohler; Ryan, Collin, & Landon Moore; Danielle & Karinne Moore. 2 sisters; Marilyn(Norm)Maddock of Texas and Marj(Chuck)Huber of Defiance. In-laws; Marc & Rita(Reiser)Fox of Chicago & John & Jan(Reiser)Leatherman of Napoleon.

Deceased are his brothers, Tommy Moore & Bob(Jean)Moore, and sisters, June(Larry)Otto & Sally(Rod)Stowell.

Don was born at his home in Holgate, Ohio on June 3, 1936 to Ivan and Hazel(Marie)Moore. He graduated from Holgate High School in 1955, having played many years of baseball and basketball, and was a member of the state championship Holgate Tigers basketball team. As a baseball player, Don was asked to try out for the Detroit Tigers & St. Louis Cardinals but despite his athletic skills, Don was told he was too small for the majors. Don attended Ohio University and soon joined the Army in 1958 as a medic. He was stationed in Germany and was given the opportunity to travel Europe and play baseball. It was in Germany that he heard the name "Dancie" and that was the name he & Betty gave their first child. When Don returned home from the service, he went to work at the Campbell Soup Company where he was a timekeeper for many years. That's also where he met & fell in love with Betty.

Don was an honest, respected business owner in Ohio. In the early 1970's, Don & Betty acquired Reiser Realty from his father-in-law, Lawrence. Don went on to become a top Realtor/Broker in Northwest Ohio. The business, now 86 years old, has since been passed down to his son, Kyle. It is the longest, family owned real estate company in the state of Ohio. He, Betty, and sons Chris & Kyle, have all treasured the friendships and partnerships they have made as Realtors. Don was appointed president of the Northwest Ohio Board of Realtors, received emeritus status for his years in real estate, and in the 1990's, became a licensed auctioneer, a career he enjoyed many weekends with Betty as his clerk. He donated his services to many charity auctions, including Ducks Unlimited, Henry County Home Health & Hospice, and the Symphony of Trees.

Don was an active leader in the community, serving as president of the Napoleon-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and Optimist Club. He was also a member of Jaycees & Napoleon Athletic Boosters. Don and his brother Bob were instrumental in organizing and chaperoning teen dances at the Napoleon Armory in the 1960's.

Don's faith was first and foremost in his life. He loved the Lord and was committed to practicing his faith. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon and served on many committees over the past 50 years. He was named president of both the school board and church council, was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Boosters and offered his time as an elder. Don was often heard singing old favorites like Take Me Out to the Ballgame, Froggy Went A-Courtin' and the old hymns like Rock of Ages, The Old Rugged Cross, and Amazing Grace. He put his love of music to good use, starring in several theatrical performances including Li'l Abner and Fiddler on the Roof at St. Paul's and the Maumee Valley Civic Theatre. Some of Don & Betty's deepest friendships were formed at St. Paul's including their monthly card club.

One of Don's passions was sports and besides playing on many teams, he served as a referee and umpire in Northwest Ohio in the 1960's & 70's. Baseball was his favorite sport and he enjoyed mentoring young athletes during his 20+ years as a Little League coach for the Senators in Napoleon. But perhaps more than anything, he loved his New York Yankees, acquiring an extensive collection of sports memorabilia dating back to Babe Ruth. He loved to share his knowledge and enjoyment of baseball, trading cards with kids of all ages, and despite their team preference, he often teasingly greeted them with "Hey, Yankee!"

Don was a man of small stature, but to many who knew him, he was larger than life. To borrow a bit of baseball analogy: Despite all the curve balls and hard pitches thrown at him in his life, Don seldom complained. He just stepped up to the plate and took his swings. He had countless health challenges in his 79-years, but never once did he ask "why me". He accepted his diagnoses & treatments with courage, strength & dignity. Skin cancer was

unrelenting for Don, and both he & Betty want everyone to know the risks and take necessary precautions in the sun. Until the very end, it was important to Don that he thank as many people as possible for giving him the life he valued and he wanted everyone to know how much he loved them, truly loved them. He tried hard to live by the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Don never knew a stranger. He wanted to bring smiles and laughter to all generations, and it is that fun-loving, positive, bright energy we will miss most about him. As a husband, father, grandpa, brother and a friend, Don left a legacy of love and laughter that will be cherished and carried on for generations.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 2-8 pm at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon. Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 2:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Glenwood Ave. in Napoleon with visitation 1-hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts.

Memorial contributions can be made to Henry County Home Health & Hospice, St. Paul Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Henry County Special Olympics or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

SEP 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

KD

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. What a great guy Don was!
Napoleon has lost one of it's finest citizens. Prayers to all of you.

Bill and Krysann Dunbar

krysann dunbar - September 15, 2015 at 05:46 PM

SK

“ Dear Betty and Family;

What a blessing it was and is for Phyllis and I to have gotten to know you and your family over the years. I look forward to that wonderful day that we meet Don again. I can't say enough, so I won't say much at all about how satisfying it always was to do business with you and your folks...! Phyl and I had the pleasure of buying your one and only spec home from you...way back in 1979. We were friends before and have been friends ever since. God Bless you all! I am sure that Don is smiling down on us all...! Steve and Phyllis Kloos

Steve and Phyllis Kloos - September 14, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BL

“ Be assured the angels greeted him at Heaven's gate and lead him into paradize. Old classmate and friend Bill and Shirley Like The Villages, Florida

Bill Like - September 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM

TR

“ So sorry for your loss. We played baseball together many years ago and he was always full of humor and good spirits. Condolences to the entire Moore family. Tom Romes

tom romes - September 13, 2015 at 11:19 PM

CR

“ Betty and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. From the stories that you had shared about Don, he was a wonderful man who was full of life, and left this world on his own terms. I was glad that I had the chance to meet him. It was an honor to care for him, and should you need anything, please don't hesitate to call.

*Christie Rick RN
Hospice of Henry County*

Christie Rick - September 12, 2015 at 07:11 PM

JD

“ Chris, Beth and family--
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

John and Joan Von Deylen

John and Joan Von Deylen - September 12, 2015 at 03:14 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



September 12, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ *Don was the best next door neighbor any one could have. Loved seeing him working on the yard under Betty's direction. God be with you, Stan and Jo Ann.*



Jo Ann Czyznik - September 12, 2015 at 08:00 AM



“ *Betty and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to all the family.
What a wonderful man. We will miss his smiling face at Frosty Boy.
Gary & Lila Wernecke*

Gary & Lila Wernecke - September 12, 2015 at 07:28 AM

JH

“ *Betty and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Don. He was a very special guy and had the most wonderful sense of humor. He will be truly missed. I am so sorry that I will not be able to be there to give you all a hug as I am out of the country at the moment. Dancie, I will be thinking of you on our shared birthday on Monday. Chris and Kyle, I will be thinking of you as well as my little cousins who grew up to be fine men. Betty, you and Don raised three great kids and my thoughts are with you all.

Janis L Huston

Janis L Huston - September 12, 2015 at 04:37 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



September 11, 2015 at 07:12 PM

RR

“ *Vicki and I treasure the friendship we had with Don and still have with the Moore family. When we moved to Napoleon in 1985, Don was right there to show prospective homes to us. I enjoyed playing his son in St. Paul's production of Fiddler on the Roof. He cracked me up! We pray that God gives His comfort and strength to you, family, as you mourn and continue with life on this earth.*
Ron Roth

Ron Roth - September 11, 2015 at 05:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



September 11, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ *Lee Schroeder-Schroeder Law, LLC purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



Lee Schroeder-Schroeder Law, LLC - September 11, 2015 at 01:56 PM



“ *Dancie. My sincerest sympathy for the loss of your Dad. Parkinson's complications took my Dad as well...so I can relate. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*
ArtChick Steff Hemmer at WLIO

Steff Hemmer - September 11, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ *Love and Hugs, Sara Stemen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



Love and Hugs, Sara Stemen - September 11, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Moore.*



September 11, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ *Betty and Family,
Don always greeted everyone with a smile and a positive out look.
He will truly be missed. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with
you and your family.
Sincerely,
Tom & Jeanne Gerdeman*

Tom & Jeanne Gerdeman - September 11, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *Our sympathy to all of you. He was a wonderful person.....and
Sunday School Teacher :-)* Carol and Andy Small


Carol Small - September 11, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ *Tony & Lori Adams lit a candle in memory of
Donald R. Moore*



Tony & Lori Adams - September 11, 2015 at 07:43 AM

 Lisa
Doseck

“ *Dancie, So sorry to hear about your father. Mike and I are praying for your family. Peace beyond understanding. Mike and Lisa Doseck*

Lisa Doseck - September 11, 2015 at 05:48 AM

NK

“ *Betty and Family,*

We wish you all the Lord's peace. Don will be truly missed.

Pastor Norm & Gale Koy

Norm Koy - September 10, 2015 at 10:16 PM

SG

“ *Many thoughts and prayers for your family.*
Shelly Gray-Brink



Shelly Gray-Brink - September 10, 2015 at 09:43 PM

MJ

“ *Marty And Judy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Moore*



marty and judy jackson - September 10, 2015 at 08:48 PM

EI

“ My heart is breaking for you Betty and your family. Don always had a hug for me and we always had such fun kidding each other. He truly was a a great man and always made me feel so special. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bring you all peace . He will be greatly missed and I am privileged to have known him. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Elaine Ingram - September 10, 2015 at 08:28 PM

 Carol Baker

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting this fine man. I met Dancie in Portland Maine several years ago, when we both came from our parts of Ohio to participate in a training. We hit it off and see each other from time to time at state conferences. I have seen all of the pictures of Dancie and her dear father and you can see the great love they had for each other. Much love and prayers to you Dancie and your family.

Carol Baker - September 10, 2015 at 07:52 PM

CP

“ I just remember him as a kind , caring, and fun loving friend! He always had a smile on his face and genuinely cared about you. My condolences go out to the family.

Carol Pelltier - September 10, 2015 at 05:59 PM

SK

“ My dear friend Dancie and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all.
Sheri Ketner

Sheri Ketner - September 10, 2015 at 05:19 PM

JG

“ I knew Don because his daughter, Dancie, was the first to befriend me at St. Paul School when we moved here from Holgate. I came to love him as a second Dad. What a wonderful, funny, kind and caring man. Heaven gained a great warrior who is finally home.

Jane (Meyer) Gilson - September 10, 2015 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ What can I say about Donny, that his heart was much bigger than the man himself. He was a true friend, a confidant, a special human being. He made you feel special and loved, part of his family. I was truly blessed to have had in my life. We will miss him terribly.
Terri Buchenberg and family

Terri Buchenberg and family - September 10, 2015 at 02:11 PM

JG

“ I first met Don playing basketball in the sixth grade at St. Pauls. Don was the ref and I remember him running just as fast as his little legs would take him in an effort to keep up with us. I recall him having just as big of a smile as the ref, as we had playing the game. He always had words of encouragement, always had a joke to tell, and had a unique way of making you feel like you were a part of his wonderful family. God must have needed a short smiling ref in heaven and chose one of the best this week.

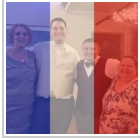
J. Grooms - September 10, 2015 at 12:18 PM

Jana
Huffman
Von
Deylen

“ First knew of Don thru his mom, Marie and his fun filled sisters from Holgate. Great guy from a great family. He will sincerely be missed.
- Jana L. Huffman - Von Deylen



Jana Huffman Von Deylen - September 10, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *I always enjoyed Don's Auctioneer talents at the Hospital Bazaar. He had a great sense of humor and a kind heart. Dancie and family, you have my deepest sympathies. Tracy Martin*

Tracy Martin - September 10, 2015 at 10:19 AM

KA

“ *Don was always the first person I looked for as a kid when I walked into the narthex at St.Paul. He would smile and call me 'Yankee' every single time. I would smile big and tell him why the Blue Jays are better. What a great man, he will be missed.*

Kevin A. - September 10, 2015 at 08:50 AM

BS

“ *Bob And Jean Schlueter lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Moore*



Bob and Jean Schlueter - September 10, 2015 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ *Don has been a friend for many years. We would have fun together at auctions and he assisted with our live auction for the Hospice of Henry County Bazaar until this year. What an amazing man. We shared many short jokes since we were always the shortest people in the crowd. Betty was the apple of Don's eye and always made her smile. Your family have always been positive role models for the community. God bless you al during this difficult time. Janelle Cline*

Janelle Cline - September 10, 2015 at 08:09 AM

EY

“ *He always made me smile and laugh - what a wonderful, charming man. My heart aches for the family. I send prayers for peace in your hearts.*

Elizabeth Yagel - September 09, 2015 at 09:44 PM

GS

I have many special memories of Don, but the one I remember most is when he would come into the bank and announce to the tellers that he and I were going to do an appraisal - that was code for going on a break to get a coke at Spenglers. Betty, you and your family are in our prayers - we know Don is in heaven with Jesus!

Gary and Char Spencer

Gary Spencer - September 17, 2015 at 02:53 PM