



Donald Wesley Slight

December 18, 1944 - January 20, 2024

Donald “Don” Wesley Slight, 79, of Napoleon, Ohio, died on January 20, 2024, at the Toledo Hospital. He was born in Napoleon on December 18, 1944, to Roy and Anna (Clausen) Slight. Don was a 1963 graduate of Napoleon High School, where he proudly played football under Charles Buckenmeyer. After graduation, he spent his career as a heavy equipment operator at various companies such as Miller Bros. Construction, Vernon Nagel Inc., and E.S. Wagner. Don was baptized, confirmed and a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church Napoleon, where he married Catherine “Suzi” Ludeman on June 27, 1964, in the church parsonage.

Throughout his life, Don was an avid outdoorsman and member of Maumee Valley Sportsman Club. He enjoyed riding four wheelers, hunting woodchucks, and camping. Don also loved cheering for two football teams - the Napoleon Wildcats and the Ohio State Buckeyes. Many of these cheers involved language that cannot be printed here. He loved his dogs, and was often seen driving around Napoleon with them riding shotgun in his pickup truck.

He had a way with words and a fondness for desserts, which his family will continue to enjoy in memory of him. Don loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Suzi; children, Todd (Carol) Slight, Jerry

(Kitty) Slight and Theresa (Kurt) Wilhelm; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and sister, Karen (Marty) Hogrefe. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by siblings, Richard "Dickie" Slight, Dorothy Armey, Robert "Bob" Slight, Marcille Eberle, and Maxine Judon.

Family and friends will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Filling Home of Mercy. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 24. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

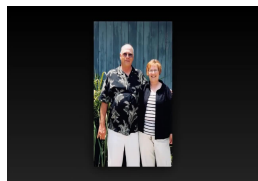
JS

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jack and Marjorie Spangler - January 31, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute



Rodenberger Funeral Home - January 26, 2024 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ To the Don Slight family, Suzi my God be with You all at this very sad time. The Heitman's Corky, Mary, Jeff, Connie, Andrew, and Addison.

Mary Heitman - January 25, 2024 at 03:41 PM

PC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your husband passing. Your family are in are prayers.

Pamela Cobb - January 24, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Jennifer Mason and your team at State Bank.

Jennifer Mason - January 24, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JW

“ Suzi, I was saddened to learn of Don’s passing. I remember Don as a popular guy in high school and really tough football player. Please accept my condolences.

Jim Whitaker

Hilton Head Island, SC

Jim Whitaker - January 24, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DK

“ Dr. Shannon Keiser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wesley Slight.

Dr. Shannon Keiser - January 24, 2024 at 08:35 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



January 24, 2024 at 08:35 AM

TF

“ The "Judson" Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wesley Slight.

The "Judson" Families - January 24, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



January 24, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ Don worked with my dad at Vern Nagels and they had some really fun times together and many funny stories that are now sweet memories ❤️ Suzi and family you have my deepest sympathy and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 I'm sure my dad greeted Don with open arms at the pearly gates!

Mary Kossow - January 23, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ Suzi, Todd and Carol, You have my sympathy on Don's passing. We were neighbors of Jerry& Cindy Glanz for over twenty years. I knew Carol as I worked at Christopher Chrysler. I live in an assisted living unit in Tipp City, Ohio, near my oldest daughter Debbie.

Hal Griffin - January 23, 2024 at 10:33 AM



Thank you Hal. We appreciate your note. Carol Slight

Carol Slight - January 24, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.*



January 23, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ *A true wildcat RIP J. Buckenmeyer*

jim buckenmeyer - January 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with the Slight family as you grieve this significant loss. Praying that sharing fond memories of wonderful times spent together will give you comfort and that the Lord will grant you peace.*
Sincerely,
Denise Wagner

Denise Wagner - January 22, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.*



January 22, 2024 at 05:16 PM

BL

“ BOB, JUDY, DENNY, JUDY LYNN, ERNIE, CINDY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wesley Slight.

BOB, JUDY, DENNY, JUDY LYNN, ERNIE, CINDY - January 22, 2024 at 02:23 PM

BL

“ BOB, JUDY, DENNY, JUDY LYNN, ERNIE, CINDY purchased the Garden Bench - "Gone yet not for gotten..." for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



BOB, JUDY, DENNY, JUDY LYNN, ERNIE, CINDY - January 22, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



January 22, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



January 22, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DB

“ so sorry about my friend Don he was a verry nice person he will be missed Dave &Carolyn Bost.

Dave&carolyn Bost - January 22, 2024 at 12:03 PM

JN

“ Suzi, We are truly sadden to hear of Don's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are truly with you and your family. Blessings, Ralph & Judy Nutter

Judy Nutter - January 22, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Slight.



January 22, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TS

“ Don was a man who loved his family and was devoted to his wife, Suzi. He was an outstanding football player for the Wildcats and respected by his teammates and coaches.

The last time I saw Don and Suzi was at Hills Restaurant. The subject, our beloved Buckeyes! What a memory!

Most importantly, Don loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The class of 1963 will miss Don.

My prayers are with the family. You were blessed to have Don as a father/grandfather and husband. God Bless.

Tom Swearingen

Tom Swearingen - January 22, 2024 at 10:22 AM

LL

“ I lived next door to the Sights on Stevenson Street growing up. I often saw Don or one of his brothers in the driveway, sometimes talking to my cousins. I remember thinking how cool teenagers were with their laughter and their cars. I also have fond memories of Don's mom who was the 'salt of the earth' type of person who raised Don and all her children to be good and fine people. We will miss his smile.

Liz Ludeman-Hopkins - January 21, 2024 at 09:22 PM

WW

“ Suzi, Todd, Jerry, Theresa and families
Sorry to hear about Don . I always enjoyed working with Don Lots of conversations riding back and forth to work And working through some challenging jobs !!! Will and Pat

will wagner - January 21, 2024 at 08:21 PM

PW

“ Don comes to our home and picks up a confirmation cake..takes it home and places the cake on the table I think..leaves..the dog had a feast and got sick I am sure..I get a phone call in the afternoon asking or more like pleading if I had time to make another confirmation cake..lol..yes was what I said..and at about 9:30 or 10 pm Don back at our door to pick up the second cake..he stated "paula you just saved me I may have been locked in the dog house for weeks"..I felt bad for them and was not going to take any money for the second cake but Don insisted..what a day...Don always brighten your day even when it was going the wrong way

Paula Walker - January 21, 2024 at 07:10 PM

JC

My sincere sympathy to Suzi and the entire Slight Family. Prayers of comfort to you all! 🙏

Judi Cotter - January 22, 2024 at 02:08 PM

BD

Suzi, I am thinking of you and prayers for your family. I know through our chats over the years what a great family you have. May Don rest in peace, and sending my condolences.

Becky Donald - January 22, 2024 at 06:29 PM

NV

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. We also have many fond (and fun) memories of Don. You are so special to us and we will be here for you during this time and always. Love from your whole NVC family.

NVC - January 23, 2024 at 04:30 PM