



Donald C. Garris

February 15, 1937 - December 1, 2023

Donald C. Garris, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on December 1, 2023, at the age of 86. He was born on February 15, 1937, in Licking Township, Pennsylvania, to Walter and Sara Garris (Gilbert).

Donald was a dedicated family man. He shared 63 wonderful years of marriage with his devoted wife, Barbara Garris (nee Himmel). Together, they built a beautiful life filled with love and cherished memories.

Donald also leaves behind his daughters Donna (Steve) Craver and Karla (Scott) Meeker, grandchildren, Amanda (Joe) Slepko, Ashley (Dan) Manley, Ethan, Elliott, Emerson Meeker, great grandchildren Ben, Theo, Everleigh Slepko, and Henry and Alex Manley. He took great delight in spending time with them, creating lasting memories and sharing in their achievements. Donald was a strong in his faith and attended Faith UCC in Richmond Hts., with Barbara for 55 years. He served the church in many areas, sang in the Chancel Choir, and bowled with the church league.

Donald served his country with honor as a member of the United States Army. After his military service, he dedicated 55 years of his life as a Senior Purchasing Agent at Avtron Manufacturing. His work ethic, dedication, and expertise were highly regarded, leaving a lasting impact on his colleagues.

Outside of his professional life, Donald had a vibrant passion for square dancing and was active with Barbara for over 50 years. Donald was a past President of Buckeye Squares of Lake County and most recently held the position of Treasurer. On the state level, he held the offices of President, Treasurer and Parliamentarian, and he and Barbara were delegates to the Ohio Corporation for Dance Clubs for over 35 years. Donald also worked with the National Square Dance Convention by volunteering for various committees.

Another favorite pastime of Donald's was baseball. As a season ticket holder for the Lake County Captains, he enthusiastically cheered on his favorite team and shared his love of the sport with his entire family.

Visitation to honor and celebrate Donald's life will be held at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 4pm till 8pm. The funeral service will be held on December 8, 2023, at 11am also at the funeral home. Donald will be laid to rest at Knollwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic War Veterans 35 East Chestnut, Columbus, OH 43215.

Cemetery Details

Knollwood Cemetery

1678 Som Center Road
Mayfield Hts, OH 44124

Tribute Wall

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“ We were the family that sat behind your daily at faith church and watched our families grow up. Sorry to here Don’s passing will be at his service!

Larry & Phyllis Huston - December 07, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C. Garris.



December 06, 2023 at 11:52 PM

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“ Jake Schmitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald C. Garris.

Jake Schmitt - December 06, 2023 at 11:52 PM

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“ Susan L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald C. Garris.

Susan L. - December 06, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald C. Garris.*



December 05, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald C. Garris.*



December 05, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Barb and family, So sorry to hear about Don's passing. We always enjoyed seeing both of you at the State Corp meetings and conventions. Both of you have given many, many passionate hours and years to promote square dancing. Don will surely be missed. May God's hope-filled promises bring comfort to you and family. God's peace. Mary Cousino*

Mary Cousino - December 04, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C. Garris.*



December 04, 2023 at 01:53 PM