



Donald Robert Schultz

January 21, 1929 - November 9, 2020

Donald Robert Schultz, a prominent business leader from Toledo, Ohio and loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle, passed away on November 9, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida. A passionate outdoorsman, landscaper, reader, chef and world traveler, he spent his life focused on family and giving back to his community through his profession and many charitable endeavors.

Born on January 21, 1929, in Point Place, Ohio, Don grew up on Indiana Avenue in Toledo, Ohio. After graduating from Scott High School in 1946, Don enlisted in the Army Air Force where he was assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. After his honorable discharge in 1949, Don enrolled at Michigan State University and joined the National Guard's 37th Division at Camp Polk Louisiana. Prior to his honorable discharge in 1953, Don enrolled at the University of Toledo, graduating in June, 1955 with a degree in Business Administration. During his studies, he was introduced to his future wife, Marilyn Heuerman, on a blind date. After marrying in July, 1955, Don and Marilyn moved to a new home in south Toledo where they lived for the next 40 years raising their daughters, Susan and Linda.

Armed with his Business degree and passion for landscaping, Don directed sales for the Secor Landscape Company for several years after college. In 1960, Don joined the R.G. Haley Company where he held various commercial positions which facilitated significant travel throughout the US and Canada.

After five years, including a lengthy assignment in Washington State, Don joined the Toledo Edison company in 1965. During the next 30 years, Don held various leadership positions at the company related to sales and economic development. Two of his most cherished roles involved directing downtown Toledo riverfront development and the refurbishment of the Erie Street Market where as a young boy, he delivered produce from his first job on a friend's farm.

Don retired in December, 1990, but his endless energy and dedication to giving back led him to direct projects for several charitable organizations including the United Way, the Mental Health Board, and the Toledo Board of Education. His love for landscaping never faded, and he led a multi-year neighborhood project to beautify and improve Copland Park which garnered several awards from the City of Toledo.

In 2002, Don and Marilyn moved to a golf community in Sarasota, Florida where he enjoyed spending time with his daughters and grandchildren who lived nearby and visited frequently. He continued his history of volunteerism by directing numerous projects for the City and County of Sarasota, one of which resulted in significant long-term improvements to the roads and commercial centers near his home.

Woven throughout Don's life were his passions for gardening, reading, cooking, fishing, sports and travelling, the latter which seemed to be part of his internal core, potentially inherited from his immigrant German grandparents. A copy of National Geographic magazine was always within his reach, along with assorted maps, and an outline of the next annual family vacation jotted down on a notepad. Over his lifetime, Don traveled to every state in the Union, as well as to Canada, Latin America and Europe. He was an expert planner and enjoyed investing in timeshares because they gave him the flexibility to travel to new destinations while being a property owner.

Treasured vacations with his family included a trip to Germany to see an ancestor's original farm, a cruise through the Hawaiian Islands, a tour of Napa Valley vineyards, multiple trips to Spain and Latin America, summer vacations in Bellaire, Michigan, and annual vacations to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina after retirement.

Don is survived by his wife Marilyn (Heuerman) Schultz, daughters Susan (Glen) Adams and Linda Calvin, grandchildren Jocelyn and Grant Calvin, brother-in-law Ralph Heuerman, niece Christine Lemay, and nephews Bruce (Karen) Shane, Kurt (Barbara) Heuerman and Karl (Elise) Heuerman. Don is predeceased by his Parents, Louise (Albright) and Henry Schultz, Sisters Wanda (Bob) Erkert and Phyllis (Ed) Shane, sister-in-law Janet Heuerman, and nephew Mathew Shane.

A Celebration of Life for Don will be deferred until a later date due to the current challenging times. Don's ashes will be interred, with Military Honors, in the Sarasota National Cemetery, Wall of Honor.

In lieu of flowers, Don would be touched if you could plant a tree, shrub or favorite flower in his memory, donate to a charity meaningful to you, or contribute to the National Geographic Society.

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” – William Shakespeare

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Susan Adams - May 05, 2022 at 09:10 AM

AD

“ Marilyn,
I was saddened to read of Don's death. Please accept my
condolences and prayers. I lost my husband , Dave, two years ago.
I miss him more each day. I know you will feel the same about Don.
God bless and love,
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Aggie Drury - November 27, 2020 at 03:30 PM

JA

“ Our thoughts are with you during your time of sorrow. Our deepest
sympathy for your loss. "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog"

Jesup W. Scott High School Aulmni Associ - November 26, 2020 at 08:57 AM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Schultz family. I was fortunate to work with Don for several years at Toledo Edison Co when he rejuvenated the local Government Affairs group and selected me to assist with that effort.

That decision ultimately opened a series of opportunities for me with the company that proved to be greatly beneficial. I will always credit Don with opening this door for me.

I knew of Don's love of doing whatever he could to make the Toledo area a better place in which to live, work and enjoy. Any community was blessed to have Don as a citizen.

*Aloha,
Chuck Krueger*

Chuck Krueger - November 23, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JS

“ Marilyn, I am so sorry to learn of Don's passing and send condolences to you and your family. You and I share some great memories together including those with our husbands. Don was a good friend and a respected member of Toledo where he always worked to make the city a better place to live. I am so glad Dick and I could be a part of your lives. Love to you, Joanne Scobie

joanne scobie - November 23, 2020 at 06:47 AM

DS

“ Marilyn: I was sorry to learn of Don's passing. He was a great friend and associate. He accomplished a lot which improved the city of Toledo. He will be remembered. My thoughts are with you and your family. Don Saunders

Donald Saunders - November 22, 2020 at 04:29 PM