



Donald C. Elder, Sr.

January 8, 1936 - January 13, 2022

Donald C. "Capt'n" Elder, Sr., 86, of Fisher, passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at his home.

He was born on January 8, 1936 in Clarion; son of the late Walter C. and Pearl Confer Elder.

Don married the former Mary Lou "Fred" Beck on January 1, 1977, who survives.

He was the maintenance supervisor at Clarion University, retiring after 31 years.

Don was of the Christian faith. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Gun Collectors and the Ohio Gun Collectors.

He was also a member of the Grand Association and the NRA.

Don loved to hunt and was an avid fisherman.

He enjoyed collecting guns, especially German target shooting guns, and going to gun shows.

Don lived his life with great expectations.

He is survived by his loving wife, Fred of 45 years; his children, Bambi Elder of Colorado, Ruth Neely and her husband, Dell, of Seneca, Kay Rossey of Strattanville, Lucinda Westre and her husband, Darrel, of Wyoming, Gerald Elder of Corsica, Vicki Elder, David Elder and his wife, Kathy, and Thomas Elder and his wife, Jeanne, all of Strattanville, and Dorothy McFall of Corsica; his step-son, William Beary of Pittsburgh; 15 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; his grand-dog, Jackson; and a former son-in-law, Mark Rossey.

Don is also survived by his sisters, Ruth Ericson of New Mexico and Carolyn Skinner and her husband, Bob, of Arizona; a brother-in-law, Morrie Lawrence and his wife, Linda, of Warren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 infant children, Kimberly, Joyce, and Joseph; 2 sons, Kevin Elder and Donald Elder, Jr.; a step-daughter, Allison Beary; a son-in-law, James Conner; 2 sisters, Lillie Stovall and Dorothy Elder; 3 brothers, Richard Elder, Leonard Elder, and Chuck Elder; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Elder; and a brother-in-law, Martin Ericson.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

Per Don's request, there will be no public services.

Interment will take place in the Millcreek Presbyterian Cemetery in Fisher.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials or donations can be made in Don's name to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214.

Cemetery Details

Millcreek Presbyterian Cemetery

Fisher, PA 16225

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to all of Don's Families. From : Mark & Suzy Duda*

Suzy Duda - January 19, 2022 at 09:15 AM

PH

“ *Mary Lou:*

So sorry to read about your husbands death. Maybe you don't remember me but we used to live on Wood St. in Clarion. You baby sat for me. Although I didn't know your husband I wanted to reach out to you and give my condolences. Love from a past neighbor. Peg and Dick Hoover. 8038047592. Indian Land SC.

Peg Hoover - January 17, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LZ

“ *Mary Lou and family, So sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Laurie Trunk-Zacherl*

Laurie Zacherl - January 16, 2022 at 10:46 PM

TJ

“ *Our Sympathy to Tommie, Dorothy and all of Don's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Terry and Julie Jackson - January 16, 2022 at 05:40 PM

AM

“ *So sorry for your loss. I'm sure there is some Clarion University maintenance reunion going on in heaven as I write this, Dad, Donnie and Don Sr., what a crew!*

Ann McCall - January 16, 2022 at 05:32 PM

BK

“ Sorry for you loss Tommy and Jeannie. Condolences to you and all of your family.

Becky Kahle - January 15, 2022 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ Sending sympathy and condolences to the Elder Family.



Mary Bartley - January 15, 2022 at 12:11 PM

KS

“ Kathy Shaffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald C. Elder, Sr.



Kathy Shaffer - January 15, 2022 at 10:16 AM

TM

“ Mary Lou and Don's whole family, may you be blessed with fond memories always.

Theresa Maher - January 15, 2022 at 08:42 AM

RC

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Elder family. May the Lord Bless you and guide you through these trying and sad times



Rod and Terri Cyphert - January 15, 2022 at 07:33 AM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss Mary Lou, sending hugs and prayers.

peg boyles - January 14, 2022 at 07:43 PM

DF

“ So sad and sorry to hear of Don’s passing. Loved to see his name on my schedule at the dental office! Prayers for you and your family, Mary Lou.

Darla Fox - January 14, 2022 at 06:50 PM

KS

“ The Fisher community will surely be saddened by the loss of this wonderful man. Safe journeys dear friend. ❤️

Karen Smith - January 14, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Such a good guy! So sorry for your loss.

Donna Reinsel - January 14, 2022 at 05:35 PM

LD

“ *Lola Daly lit a candle in memory of Donald C. Elder, Sr.*



Lola Daly - January 14, 2022 at 05:33 PM

KE

“ *My Uncle Don was one of the best men this world has ever known. He will be so missed by so many. Love to Mary Lou and the rest of the family as we endure his loss. He was a giant and I am so grateful to have spent al of my life knowing him.*

Kris Ericson - January 14, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RW

“ *Sending our Deepest Sympathy Mary Lou & to all his Family!! May He Rest in Peace!! We will keep everyone in our thoughts & Prayers!!*



Regis & Pat Walters - January 14, 2022 at 04:19 PM