

Donald Beeler, Sr.

November 13, 1935 - May 11, 2020

Donald Byron “Don” Beeler, Sr., 84, of Zionsville, Indiana, passed away Monday, May 11, 2020 at Brownsburg Meadows. He was born in East St. Louis, Illinois on November 13, 1935; a son of the late Kermit and Luella M. (Lang) Beeler

He was a graduate of East St. Louis High School. Following high school, he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Southern Illinois University and several other master’s degrees including SPEA from Indiana University. He also served his country honorably in the U.S. Army.

On June 15, 1961 he was married to Patricia “Pat” (Jines) Beeler in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She survives and they had shared 58 loving years together. Through the Kennedy Act, Don helped establish the Mental Health Clinics in conjunction with community hospitals throughout Indiana. He was employed by the State of Indiana in the Department of Mental Health and in the State Health Department, dedicating over thirty years before retirement.

Don was one of the founders of the Dynamic Toastmasters Club and a member of the Indiana Statistics Club. In his college years, Don enjoyed running the recreational camps at Southern Illinois University. He was a devoted and kind man who loved his family dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Beeler of Zionsville; three children, Patricia

(Mark) Fisher of Thorntown, Donald Beeler, Jr. of Mesa, Arizona, and Evangeline (Francois) Gohoure of Everglades, Florida; eleven grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren; and a sister, Barb (Gary) Langston of Jefferson City, Illinois.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Beeler.

Private Funeral Services are to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Friends and extended family are invited to view Don's service at 11:00 a.m. on the Myers Mortuary Facebook page.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home in Lebanon. Interment will follow services at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown, Indiana.

Memorials may be given in Don's memory to the ARC of Greater Boone County

900 West Main Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memory Gardens

6851 South Indianapolis Road
Whitestown, IN 46075

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I’m so very sorry to have happened upon this obituary. I just now saw it. The Beelers lived two houses from my childhood house. They were my best friends growing up. My mother too, passed, last year. Going to see her or going to the house now, I look at their “old” house with the fondest memories. Playing tag, riding bikes, eating cut up watermelon, sleepovers, swim lessons together. The list goes on. We’ve lost touch after the high school years, but know your family is always in my heart. I’m so very sorry for your loss. I still can hear your dads distinct laugh. Hoping time has given you some peace. Some of those pictures, I too, still have and others I remember vividly seeing in albums. With Love Anita (Heining) Sheets

Anita Sheets - August 15, 2023 at 12:42 AM



“ Donald Beeler, Sr.

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

LN

“ My heart goes out to the Beeler family. I was a member of the Dynamic Toastmasters Club for a number of years. I remember Don's humorous speeches that always gave us a life lesson. He was an excellent evaluator and never held back with honest and helpful suggestions on how the speaker could improve. Always, he gave his comments with respect and care for the speaker. I appreciated him as an intelligent and integral part of the club. We Toastmasters have lost a great speaker and an even greater supporter. Though this is past the date of his services, it is with a heavy heart that I say good-bye to Don. I will keep him in my mind and my heart.

Lucy Nicksin

Lucy Nicksin - June 04, 2020 at 09:27 AM

CF

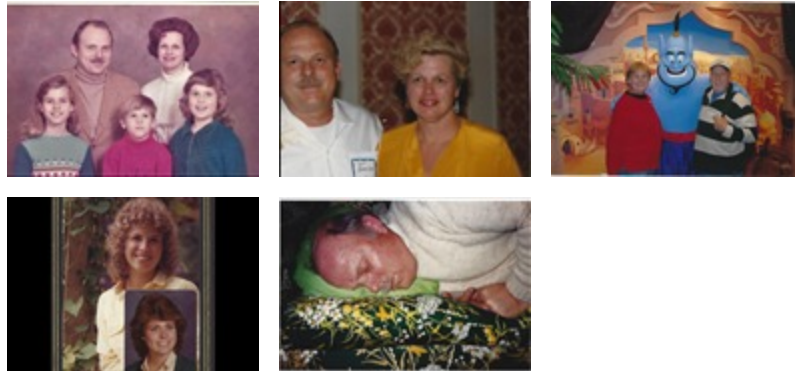
“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. I got to know Don through the Boone Co. Bluebird Society, and he was a great encourager to me and always fun to visit with. We'll miss him so much!

Christy Frampton

Christy Frampton - May 19, 2020 at 07:05 PM

GF

“ 16 files added to the album *Memories with Donald*



Gohoure Family - May 15, 2020 at 02:42 PM

SG

“ *Soleil Gohouré lit a candle in memory of Donald Beeler, Sr.*



Soleil Gohouré - May 15, 2020 at 01:45 PM

BG

“ *Bijou Gohoure sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Beeler, Sr.*



Bijou Gohoure - May 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM

PL

“ My sincere condolences to the Beeler family. Don was my first mentor. We met in graduate school and he talked me into remaining and securing my degree. Additionally, he contacted me about a open position in the Indiana Department of Mental Health which ultimately launched my 41 year career in the healthcare arena. I am very thankful to have known him.
Paul Lang

Paul Lang - May 14, 2020 at 02:32 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathies for the Beeler and Gohoure families. May comfort and peace surround you as you remember Don and the love he had for his beloved family.



Kristen LaEace - May 14, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DJ

“ Having worked with Don for many years in the Mental Health area and the State Department of Health, I can speak to what a kind and skilled worker he was for the people of Indiana. He helped the State Government make great strides in mental health services and planning. He will be missed by his friends and family.

Donald I Craig, Jr,

Donald I Craig Jr - May 14, 2020 at 07:44 AM

CL

“ Donald was one of my most favorite patients, I will miss visiting with him. So, So sad to hear. Prayers for the family!!!
Chris Fidler, LPN
Adult Medical Services

Chris Fidler, LPN - May 13, 2020 at 09:35 AM

EG

“ Eve (Beeler) Gohoure lit a candle in memory of Donald Beeler, Sr.



Eve (Beeler) Gohoure - May 12, 2020 at 09:28 PM

GF

“ Gohoure Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Beeler, Sr.



Gohoure Family - May 12, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Donald Beeler, Sr..



May 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM