



# Donn R. Vermilion

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**A** Celebration of the Life of Donn R. Vermilion, 75, of Newark, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2024, in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home officiated by Pastor Eric Miller. Following the service, Donn will be laid to rest at Wilson Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to join us in celebrating Donn's life and bidding him a fond farewell.

Donn passed peacefully surrounded by his family Monday morning, July 22, 2024, after a courageous 17-year battle with cancer. He was born May 15, 1949, in Newark to the late Dale and Helen (Bell) Vermilion. A 1967 graduate of Newark High School, Donn attended Miami University and graduated from Ohio State University. He retired from Granville, Owens-Corning Science and Technology, as a Senior Research Scientist after 42 years.

Donn's professional achievements were significant, and he was named on an impressive 72 US patents. Beyond his professional life, he was involved in the community. A long-time Christ United Methodist Church member, he served as a trustee and volunteered for many years at the Salvation Army. He also served on True Core F.C.U., C-Tec, and The Works boards. Donn's zest for life was evident in his love for sports and the great outdoors. He was an avid fan of Ohio State Football and the Cincinnati Reds.

Over the years, he enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's band and sporting events. His adventurous spirit led him to enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, boating, water skiing, and sled riding. He was a proud Death Wind Long Rifles Muzzle Loader Club member. Donn was also a Little League baseball coach for his five sons.

Survivors include his love of over 60 years, wife, Patricia (Braunbeck) Vermilion, whom he married December 27, 1969; sons, Kenneth (Rebecca J.), Jason (Rebecca L.), Blake, Mark (Rebecca S.), and Phil (Kelly); brothers, Blair (Kay) Vermilion, Bryan



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(Dee) Vermilion; sisters, Carol (Dave) Maiyer, Sharon (Wayne) Breakfield and Gayle (Gregg) Coffman; 20 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may call 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark.



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KL

**Kevin And Judy Lennon** posted:

So sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort.

July 27 at 7:09 PM

JH

**Jan Hostasa** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Donn at OC for many years. He became a good friend & I always enjoyed our many conversations. I was excited to bump into him a couple of times after we both retired. What a great guy who always had a great story to tell about his family. Rest in peace Donn. You will be missed.

July 27 at 3:21 AM

GC

**Gail Booher Craig** posted:

Donn was one of nicest and kindest people I have ever known. I went from grade 1 -12 with him. We only lived a couple of streets apart. Always a smile and hello and a laugh I always remembered. Blessings and love to all of his family.. you were very lucky. RIP Donn.

July 26 at 4:44 PM

JG

**Jeff Grindrod** posted:

Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolences for your loss.

July 26 at 5:21 AM

MM

**Margaret Miller** posted:

What a terrific man. Loved the lord and his family. Pat I am sorry we lost touch after Christ United was no more.

July 25 at 2:45 PM



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DW

**Dave Wolf** posted:

I have many fond memories of Donn, but here's my favorite. We were working on a project together that required us to commission some testing at one of our mothballed plants in Eloy, Arizona. It was the middle of the summer and baking hot. Donn wasn't feeling well. I believe he was just coming off of one of his many surgeries. His wife Pat was at home recovering from a surgery, a broken hip I think. So Donn had a lot on his mind, but he discovered that the custodian of our mothballed plant had a wife that was in the hospital and wanted to do something for them. He asked us fellow travelers at dinner that evening if we would be willing to pitch in on a gift. Of course, we said yes. (What else could we have said to Donn? He was on a mission!) The next morning, on the way to the plant, we stopped at the grocery store so that he could buy them some food and a bouquet of flowers. It was an amazing thing. Donn's mantra was always: others before self. He has been a role model for me - in life and in work - and I will miss him dearly.

July 25 at 2:24 PM

MD

**Mohan Das** posted:

Donn was a wonderful human being, gentle kind, always helpful, and an avid outdoorsman. I am grateful to have known him, and to be able to call him my friend. May he find eternal peace and may his soul rest in peace.

July 25 at 2:04 PM

BK

**Becky Pfeffer Kolb** posted:

May memories of happier times sustain you through the difficult days ahead.

July 25 at 10:53 AM

NP

**Neil Patton** posted:

To all of the family I am very saddened to hear of Donn passing. I had known him all of his life having grown up in the same church. He was a good and respected man. My condolences to all of you.

July 25 at 10:13 AM



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JK

**Jill Krueger** posted:

I did not keep in touch with Donn after his retirement from Owens Corning, but enjoyed being mentored by him when I started in Roofing in 2004 as "rotational." He had a distinct laugh – and gave me the advice to "run until tackled" essentially empowering me to do what I thought was best until told to stop. Glad that he was with family and had time to spend with them after retirement. Condolences

July 25 at 9:26 AM

EB

**Eric & Andrea Blount** posted:

#ERROR!

July 25 at 7:02 AM

MT

**Mary Braunbeck-Talbott** posted:

Pat and family. What a legacy Donn created during his lifetime. What a lifetime well lived! Keep his memories close to your hearts!

July 25 at 6:08 AM

DS

**Debbie Spohn** posted:

Pat and family, I am so sad to learn of Donn's passing. Donn was one of the first people I met at S&T. We worked together in many departments over the years. He was a great guy -- well respected by all, very smart, always did the right thing in being a good example to all, and shared his knowledge and experience by mentoring new employees. I so enjoyed knowing him. May Donn rest in peace.

July 25 at 4:17 AM

BB

**Bill Bowling** posted:

Dear Family of Donn's, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good Christian man and was a great asset to Christ United Methodist when we had a church. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Bill Bowling

July 24 at 3:29 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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