



## Donald R. Cochran

March 8, 1941 - February 11, 2018

Donald Reuel Cochran age 76, of Columbus, Ohio passed away Sunday February 11, 2018 at home surrounded with love after a long and valiant battle with leukemia. “Don” was born on March 8, 1941 in Newark, Ohio to Mildred Brown Cochran and Reuel Braxton Cochran. Don moved with his parents and brothers “Bob” and Roger to Clintonville in Columbus at the age of fourteen. He graduated from North High School and attended The Ohio State University and Franklin University where he graduated with a degree in computer science. Donald’s studies focused on computers in the early sixties during the industry’s infancy. Always an innovator, Don’s career remained focused in computer science and ended with the creation of a successful software and consulting firm. Don was a devoted Buckeye fanatic, loved our country and its “founding fathers” and was deeply involved in the politics that surround us. Don was an avid snow skier taking his children skiing all around the U.S. and also a passionate car enthusiast who was as comfortable being the mechanic as driving on the Autobahn. Don was more than a Handyman and quite skilled with building and repairing almost anything, particularly with wood. The perfect Saturday for Don was spent installing a new window, building a fence or digging a garden followed by dinner at a Mexican restaurant. Don was a lover kitties and dogs and of all creatures and would not kill even a bug preferring to set them free outside. Don started traveling for work early in his career and continued for the rest of his life both for work and pleasure often combining the two. He called himself “the Frequent Traveler” and loved every minute of

his exploits around the world. Besides most of Europe and the Scandinavian countries, Don loved Mexican beaches and country roads anywhere. Don was innovative, tireless, and intrigued with life and determined to live it fully. And he did it all with joy, kindness, generosity and always with much love.

Donald is deeply missed by his life partner of 18 years and recently wife, Maggie and her son Christopher, his daughters Cheryl Cochran of Columbus and Michele Farmer and grandsons Grant, Reed and Dane Farmer of Columbus, Don's son John Cochran and his wife Veronica and grandchildren Justine and Shawn Cochran of Nashville, his brother Roger Cochran and family, close friend and associate, Tom Schryver of Cincinnati, dear friend Kitty Barron and Gerry Barron his cohort as well as numerous friends and business associates around the world.

Services are scheduled for 1:00 pm Friday March 9, 2018 with visiting from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Rutherford Funeral Home in Powell, Ohio with burial immediately following at the Union Cemetery. The reverend Mebane McMahon of Northwest United Methodist Church. will officiate.

Condolences or flowers may be sent to [rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://rutherfordfuneralhome.com) or donations would be welcome to the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute at The Ohio State University. The family wishes to thank the physicians, caregivers and staff at the James Hospital for their devotion and dedication to Don's care and well-being and to send much gratitude to Latoya Malle of Hospice.

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# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 9. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Cochran*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Cochran.*



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March 07, 2018 at 08:19 AM