



## Donald Lee Cullen

December 28, 1940 - November 18, 2017

Donald L. Cullen, 76, of Columbus, Ohio passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Riverside Hospital. Donald—kind, generous and warm-hearted to all he knew—was born on December 28, 1940 in Short Creek, Ohio to the late Grace Virginia (Huffman) and James Cullen. Donald grew up in Harrisville, Ohio and attended Adena High School, class of 1958. After high school, he joined the Navy and served his country from 1958 until 1963. After the military, he studied electrical engineering and engineering physics at the Ohio State University, where he also obtained his Master of Business Administration. Donald was a visionary and prolific inventor, whose ideas were often decades before their time. He spent his lifetime working on a wide variety of innovations—from pioneering work with lasers and holograms, to solutions with renewable energy and waste management. He also helped co-found a small business incubator in Columbus. Survived by his wife Song; his daughters Michelle Cullen and Chris (Mark) Jonard; his three grand-children Gaibel, Gowan and Gwen Jonard; his two step daughters Kaucha (Joe) Santry and Deja Franklin; his two step-grandchildren Rowyn and Soairse; his siblings Linda Luke, Susan Williams, Mary (Art) Ryan, Kathryn (Robert) Kidd, Shirley (Karl) Bowers, Deborah (Michael) Beal; Robert (Joan) Cullen; and many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Janice Muschott, Jeannie Wickham, Nancy Cullen; and brothers-in-law Kenneth Muschott, Bernie Kager, Charlie Wickham, Gordon Williams and George Luke. Visitation is from 12-1pm on

Saturday, November 25th at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio, 43085. The service will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harrisville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 173, Harrisville, Ohio, 43974.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
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Worthington, OH 43085  
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## Memorial Service

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lee Cullen* ”



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - January 03, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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*I am searching for the family of Donald I Cullen*

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**Victoria clark** - December 11, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Donald Lee Cullen* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

WR

“ *To: The Family of Donald S. Cullen*

*Don was very generous with his time and spent many hours with the Northland Community Council reviewing zoning cases. This is where I first met him. As a realtor and developer, I could see he was very enthusiastic in protecting the community.*

*Later, I met Don when he had some interesting ideas with regard to recycling coal waste, as I recall, and our little Global Trading and Technology was exploring inventions and projects. Don had that entrepreneur spirit and work ethic that seems hard to find today.*

*He was a good man!*

*If there is anything that I can do to assist the family, please do not hesitate to ask. I am saddened by his passing.*

*Walter G. Reiner*

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**Walter Reiner** - November 28, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *Don was always very kind caring and giving. He was always there to help in any way that he could. He was always very good to all of our family. We will always remember him with fond memories. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always made you laugh. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with all of his family and friends. We regret that we are unable to be there for the service.*  
*Clyde and Merry Kelley and family*

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**Merry Kelley** - November 24, 2017 at 01:13 AM

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“ God Bless and Thank YOU, Donald for your service..RIP.. And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - November 22, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Cullen.



November 22, 2017 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ Dear Song and family, I am very sad to learn about Don's passing. He is a very special person in my life. In the 80's, when he was at Transmet, I helped Don with his HR issues. He had me write the job descriptions for the BTC which is now Revl. Yes, he was a visionary. More importantly, Don was a gentleman and a good friend who had a wonderful smile. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.  
Celia Crossley

Celia Crossley - November 22, 2017 at 09:31 AM

BK

“ Uncle Don, My heart breaks for your family. You are one of my heros . You taught me what it means to truly invent yourself . You gave me inspiration and taught me how are true government works. Im sorry I couldn't say good bye to you. You will always remain a hero to me. You invented and pioneered what many only talked about. See you in the sky one day. Im sure God will have you creating something. Sincerely , Your nephew Brian D Kelley

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**Brian D Kelley** - November 21, 2017 at 05:35 PM



*Beautiful tribute Brian.*

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**Merry Kelley** - November 24, 2017 at 01:16 AM

RL

“ I will always remember Uncle Don taking me to visit Ohio State University my senior year of high school. Such a great uncle!

*Robin Drake Laird*

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**Robin Laird** - November 20, 2017 at 08:23 PM