



Donald Epley

February 1, 1939 - February 7, 2019

Donald Eugene Epley, age 80 of Columbus, died Thursday February 7, 2019 at his home. Donald was born in Columbus on February 1, 1939 to the late Thomas and Margaret (Russell) Epley. Donald owned and operated Epley Roofing for over 30 years after he served in the US Navy aboard the USS Toledo. Donald was a member of the FOPA. He is preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, and is survived by his wife Janice, daughter Cherie L. Epley of Florida, sister Jackie Didyk of Florida, and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends may call on Wednesday February 13, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street Worthington where a funeral service will be held on Thursday February 14, 2019 at 11:00am. Burial with US Naval Honors will be held at Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the James Cancer Hospital in Donald's memory.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

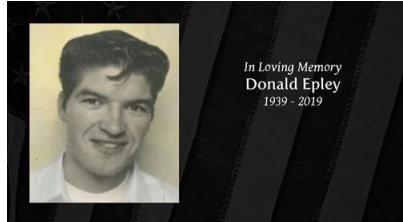
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Epley*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 12, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Donald Epley*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I was in their old neighborhood the other day and thought I'd check online for any news about the Epleys. I was sad to come across the news of Don's passing and that I didn't find out til now. I would have liked to show my respect. Don helped me get my first car and all the Epleys were so nice to my brother and I. Tim Butcher*

Tim Butcher - November 05, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Don was a good friend. Great car guy. Always willing to lend a hand. Attention to detail was his thing. Full of humor. Family man. Always talked about Jan, the love of his life. In Don's words "my better half." Rick Hault part of his Columbus Police Family*

Richard Hault - February 14, 2019 at 09:10 AM

CE

Thank you for all your support. We vey much appreciate your support & numerous visits while dad was sick. You were a bright spot in his lonely days.

Cherie Epley - February 15, 2019 at 07:20 AM

RO

“ Rose & family...



rosie - February 13, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you. Jan you were an amazing caregiver. Our condolences to You and Cherie.

Love Bill and Shirley Epley

William Epley - February 13, 2019 at 10:57 AM

CE

Yes she is. Daddy was so blessed to have her loving & capable hands taking care of him. I would ask her throughout this long journey "Did you ever think that you would be practicing nursing again?" Thank you for your kind words and for your & Bob's encouraging visits with dad while he was going through this trial.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 01:34 PM

JF

We have missed Don, his stories and his love for old cars. We never see a big blue truck without thinking of him. He won our hearts with his banjo playing and often wished we had known him in life's prime. God hold your soul in His arms till we all meet again. Thank you for blessing our lives.

Jim&Bette Failor

Cherie, We pray that you and your Mom will find the peace that passes all understanding.

Jim & Bette Failor - April 05, 2019 at 06:10 PM

DF

“*Dave and Angie Lewis and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donald Epley.*



Dave and Angie Lewis and Family - February 13, 2019 at 06:08 AM

AE

“*Aunt Jan and Cheri, so sorry to hear about Uncle Don. I immediately went back to the summer of 1971 when I stayed with you guys to be a painter with Uncle Tom and Don. I'd like to think they taught me a work ethic that I follow to this very day. I'll always miss the stories and cherished your visit to Illinois a million yeas ago. He is still the best story teller I know and the love that he gave was felt by all. He will be missed and I am left with nothing but the fondest of memories.*

Alan (Ian) Epley - February 12, 2019 at 11:44 PM

CE

I remember your staying with us. Your family visits always seem too short. I remember when uncle Dave flew you all down for Thanksgiving. If I remember uncle Dave even brought a couple of real Chicago style pizza. Dad loved Chicago style-a preference he passed on to me.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:22 AM

KF

“ Aunt Jan and Cherie, We are so sorry to hear about Don. He could always make you laugh, and those stories. Whenever we talked with him, he brightened up our day. Miss you Uncle Don. Love, Karrie, Mike, Sean, and Jordan Fox

Karrie L Fox - February 12, 2019 at 05:07 PM

CE

Dad loved telling stories. Some of them were advice in disguise & many were just for a good laugh. Me miss you & hope to see the family soon.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:41 AM

CT

May the Lord's peace be with you at the loss of your husband and father. Rest assured our GOD in heaven welcomes him with HIS loving arms.

Cathy Tilman - February 14, 2019 at 11:59 AM

CE

Thank you Cathy. Will try to get together with you when I get back. Will need to rest a bit. Wrapping up as much legal stuff for mom before I head back. Couldn't finish it all but got a lot done

Cherie Epley - February 21, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BB

“ *The best portion of a good man’s life-is his acts of kindness and of love. Don will be fondly remember love you Belinda*

Belinda Boyd - February 12, 2019 at 03:01 PM

CE

Dad was very generous & helped anyone he could. He liked to protect & watch over the less fortunate & vulnerable.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:39 AM



“ Aunt Jan and Cherie. I saw this and thought I would share. Bill , Ric
and I send our Love
Angels In The Stars

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Published: March 2011

*God saw I was getting tired
as he put his arms around me,
as he whispered come with me.*

*There is a place for you in heaven
where there is no suffering and no pain.
All you have to do is look up to the sky
and know that you will see me.*

*As I am an angel in the stars,
what a great place to be.
I am an angel of God, and a
sparkle I shall be.*

*Know that I'm watching over you;
just look up and see.
I'm looking, watching over you.
Please don't be sad for me.*

*I'm your angel in the stars
where I am happy now.
You will see and one day
you will be with me.*

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/angels-in-the-stars>

Sunni Polo - February 12, 2019 at 08:30 AM

CE

Mom & I loved the poem. Beautiful choice & very comforting. Send some of that FL sun & warmth our way. Daddy loved the beach & was loved by the neighbors. They jokingly called him the Mayor of Clearwater Beach.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:37 AM



Will send some sun shine

Sunni Polo - February 13, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Epley.*



February 11, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JR

“ *Praying for ya'll, Don will be greatly missed, he was a great man with a big heart..*



Julie Rose - February 11, 2019 at 08:18 PM

CE

He especially enjoyed spending time with you all in VA. He loved your mom's cooking. You all always made us feel very welcome.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:32 AM

PM

“ Penni Mullins lit a candle in memory of Donald Epley



Penni Mullins - February 11, 2019 at 07:50 PM

PM

“ Praying for you Aunt Jan and Cherie! Uncle Don will be greatly missed. He was one of kind. He had a big heart and always went out if his way to make us happy when we visited. Sending you both love and prayers during this difficult time.

Penni Mullins - February 11, 2019 at 07:49 PM

CE

He loved entertaining family & friends. Trying to make sure everyone was having a good time gave him great joy & satisfaction,

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:30 AM

JC

“ I only met Don about 2 years ago over at Willowbrook. What a great guy to talk to and hang out with. My kids really enjoyed Don, also and asked about him between visits. Take care, buddy.

Jonathan Coyle

Jon Coyle - February 11, 2019 at 10:28 AM

CE

Thank you so much for the comfort & support that you have shown mom & dad. Living so far away knowing that someone is there to do what I physically can't gave me great peace.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:28 AM

TM

“ Aunt Jan & Cherie', thinking of you and note to say may you keep the memories you all share of Uncle Don tucked in near and dear to your heart.

With hugs & Love Teresa & family



Teresa L Martin - February 10, 2019 at 12:10 PM

CE

Luv you much. Hugs to you!

Cherie Epley - February 11, 2019 at 07:05 PM

AS

“ Amanda Shields lit a candle in memory of Donald Epley



Amanda Shields - February 10, 2019 at 07:47 AM

CE

Thank you sister in Messiah. So disappointed I'm not there to meet your new arrival-precious little Laithan.

Cherie Epley - February 13, 2019 at 07:25 AM

IN

“ Jan & Cherie,
I'm so sorry to hear about Don. I will always have fond memories of him and it makes me smile to think back when I was a child, I had an awesome time visiting with the family. It was great to have a family reunion with Don and Jack in Tampa around in 2005??There were hysterical. I'm so sad that Don went through so much in the past few years. You will never be forgotten.



Ingrid - February 09, 2019 at 05:01 PM

CE

We love you. Feel better soon & tell Aunt Jackie we love her too.

Cherie Epley - February 11, 2019 at 07:03 PM

IN



Ingrid - February 12, 2019 at 08:03 PM

RH

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Richard Haulr - February 14, 2019 at 07:33 AM

CE

Thank you Rick. Your many visits to dad while he was sick is/was so much appreciated. Thank you for bringing some joy into his long lonely days. May God bless you for your caring compassion.

Cherie Epley - February 21, 2019 at 09:50 AM