



Donald E. Hale

December 4, 1938 - August 8, 2016

Donald E. Hale, age 77, passed away unexpectedly on August 8, 2016 one week following surgery at The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Don, formerly of Powell, Ohio and current resident of North Port, Florida, was born December 4, 1938 in Uhrichsville, Ohio to Robert L. Hale and Wilma Merle Hale Sheaffer both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his step-father Francis C. Sheaffer and brother Curtis D. Hale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Marilyn K. Cochran Hale, and by his daughters Sherri (Peter) MacKay of Bexley, Ohio and Julie (James) Weiss of Marion, Ohio. He was truly devoted and proud of his grandsons Matthew Donald MacKay, Kyle James Weiss, and step-grandson Dain (Holly) Jacobs who knew him as their Papa. His sister, Valeria M. Hale Kornis, and half-sister, Paula(Mic) Sheaffer Pollili and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends around the country also survive him.

Donald was raised in Uhrichsville, Ohio and through an anonymous donor was afforded the opportunity to go to college. He graduated from Kent State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sales Management and received his commission in the US Army as a 2nd LT. He retired from the US Army in 1984, after 23 years of service, as a highly decorated Lieutenant

Colonel (LTC) receiving the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. He also received 2 DOD Meritorious Service Medals for exceptionally meritorious service, 2 Army Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Army Commendation Medals for outstanding performance of duty, 3 unit meritorious performance awards while serving in Vietnam and Okinawa, the United States Vietnam service medal with 4 Campaign Stars, the Korean defense medal, the National Defense medal, and the Armed Forces Retired Commemorative medal.

As a Military Advisor to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, LTC Hale was awarded several foreign medals from the Republic of Vietnam for services performed against hostile ground forces. They are as follows: Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm for his gallant service during an enemy mortar attack of a South Vietnamese Army Petroleum Depot; the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class and the Armed Forces Quartermaster Badge for his meritorious performance in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam during the height of the Vietnam conflict in 1969.

While in the Army, LTC Hale, also earned a Masters Degree from Florida State of Technology and was a graduate of The Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Don retired from his second career in 2005 from Exel Inc., a global supply chain management company in Westerville, Ohio, where he was the Senior Director of Procurement Americas with responsibilities for the development and administration of major procurement programs exceeding \$300 million in annual spending in support of Canada, Mexico and The United States.

Additionally he was a member of the Military Officers Association, past president of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), a member of the Bobcat Trail Golf Club in North Port, Florida and a member of

the Elks Club Lodge in Punta Gorda, Florida.

The softer side of this accomplished man was that he truly loved his home in North Port, Florida on the golf course and was able to share this life with his wife for the last nine years. He was so happy to be able to share this home with many family members and friends as well. He was really a great dancer, did a mean jitter bug in his day, and he loved listening to music. You could often hear him whistling or singing with his baritone voice from the songs of yesteryear. His affinity for playing games such as poker, pay-me and yes even Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud, brought him joy and got his competitive nature going.

We were not ready for him to leave us and there will be a large hole in the lives of those he touched. However, we are grateful for all the love and support for those of us he has left behind.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5600 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213
(614) 866-0200

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Calling Hours

AUG 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Lutheran Church
2314 E. Main Street
Bexley, OH 43209

Interment Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Hale*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James Weiss - August 21, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Marilyn*

I am very sad to learn of Don's passing. Don was a wonderful man with the best sense of humor, incredibly intelligent and always had great advice. He loved you and all of the family so much and was so proud of all of you! I am happy to have known Don and am sending you a big hug. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all your friends and family.

kathy cleeland - August 20, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ *Bobcat Trail lost a real gem with Don's passing. He was fun and he was a real gentleman. My heart goes out to Marilyn and family. We will sorely miss him!*

Marge & Tom Lawson

marge lawson - August 15, 2016 at 07:24 AM

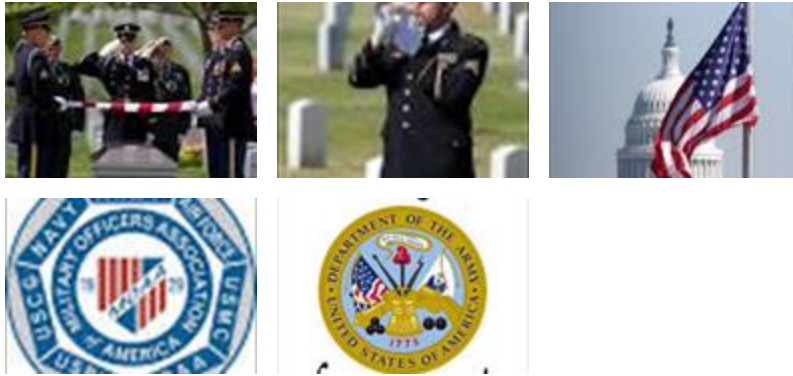
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“ We were so sorry to learn of Don's passing. Whenever we'd see Don at Publix, a community function or passing by his home we would inevitably turn to one another and say: what a nice man. May he have eternal rest with the Lord.

Bill & Vicky D'Onofrio - August 14, 2016 at 06:22 PM

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“ God Bless and Thank YOU, LT.Col. Hale for your 23 years of service..... RIP And Semper Fi. SIR



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - August 14, 2016 at 12:10 PM

DM

“ My heart is torn out learning of the passing of my friend Don. Golfing will never be as fun as when we partnered up and he kept us laughing the whole round. If Kathy and I can do anything for you Marylyn let us know. Whenever I look up at the sun I'll see Dons smile. Doug and Kathleen Michalski

Doug and Kathleen Michalski - August 14, 2016 at 10:11 AM

DP

“ Dear Julie and your entire family. We send you our deepest love ,sympathy and comfort on the passing of your loved one. Hold tight to your wonderful memories. Speak of your memories often. These will keep him in all of your hearts forever. Wrapping my arms around you, Love Dede.

Denise Phipps - August 13, 2016 at 09:55 AM