



Donald C Mahan

May 28, 1938 - August 15, 2016

Donald C. Mahan was welcomed home by his God and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 15, 2016. He was the son of Clarence and Irene Mahan and was born on May 28, 1938, in East Chicago, IN. After living in Hessville for a few years, his family moved to a farm near Lowell, where he graduated from high school in 1956. He then obtained his B.S. degree in Animal Science from Purdue University before working as a County Youth Agent in Sullivan, IN, where he met and married Amy Jo Osburn before returning to Purdue for graduate school. After completing his M.S. degree there and his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, he began his professional career at The Ohio State University in 1969. His responsibilities included both teaching and research, but unquestionably his foremost love was his many different swine nutrition research projects. He was honored throughout his career with many awards, culminating with his receiving the 2016 FASS-AFIA Frontiers in Animal Nutrition Award given for his lifetime production of innovative research that significantly benefitted the livestock and feed industries. He mentored many graduate students while at OSU, authored or co-authored more than 175 refereed journal articles and over 400 other publications, and personally presented his research results more than 365 times around the world in 50 countries and the United States. He was a member of many professional organizations and was an active reviewer for several nutrition journals. In addition to his wife, Jo, Don is survived by three daughters—Melanie Mahan (E. Lansing, MI), Jean (Eric) Snider (Hilliard, OH), and Laurie (Eric) Vendel

(Lewis Center, OH), ten grandchildren, one grandson-in-law, and one brother, Gene (Marsha) Mahan, of Morocco, IN. As a family we were blessed by him, and we'll miss him dearly. Don had a delightfully unique sense of humor which was greatly enjoyed by all who knew him. He was actively involved in many church ministries throughout his lifetime, and a member of the Linworth Baptist Church in Worthington where a Funeral Service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 20, 2016 with Pastor George Hattenfield and Pastor Brent Miller Officiating. A private family interment will follow in Kingwood Memorial Park. The family will welcome friends at the church one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1550 Old Henderson Road, Ste. N-160, Columbus, OH 43220 in memory of Don. Arrangements by the Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, OH. 43065. To send condolences to the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Kingwood Memorial Park

8230 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035
(740) 548-5509

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (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:

AUG 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

Linworth Baptist Church
6200 Linworth Road
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald C Mahan*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dr. Mahan is my advisor for my MS and PhD during the year of 1993 to 2000. I will never forget what I have learned from him not just academic research but also many other things. I remember how we go to Midwest meeting every year. I remember how we work in swine barn and lab. I remember how I pass oral defenses of both degrees with your assistance. I remember how you teach in classes. I remember your back pain while working. I remember your encouragement when I graduate. Thank you Dr. Mahan!*

San Ching

san ching - September 27, 2016 at 07:17 AM



“ *So sorry to see this for Don. He was my roommate at Purdue for 2 years and then we were at U of I for 2 years in Graduate School with offices just down the hall. He was a good student and worked at being the best student. I followed his career at OSU from afar and was always impressed with his publications and awards. My best wishes to Jo and the rest of his family.*

Jim Cox

Jim Cox - September 06, 2016 at 03:21 PM

KJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Don on pig studies over the years as well as traveling with him to many places. He was brilliant and practical at the same time and to merely say I learned a lot from him would be an understatement. He loved his work, he was a wonderful teacher and communicator, and his influence spread across the world.

Special thoughts to your family during such a trying time.

Kate Jacques, Alltech Inc.

Kate Jacques - August 22, 2016 at 12:07 PM

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“ Dear Jo:

Susan and I will always remember our trip to Korea with you and Don and the gracious hospitality of our host, Dr. Yoo Yong Kim, a former student of Don's who you will remember. It was wonderful to do something professionally but at the same time realize we have a common faith and could share that together also. May God's promises and the hope of the resurrection that we have in Christ be ever more precious in the days and years ahead.

Merlin Lindemann

Merlin Lindemann - August 20, 2016 at 10:35 AM

JK

“ Amy Jo,

Denva and I hope that peace and fond memories prevail for you and your family as you deal with Don's passing in your continuing trek down life's pathway. We are in Australia on a yearlong sabbatical leave and our thoughts are with you from this distant place. Take care.

Jim Kinder

james kinder - August 19, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C Mahan.*



August 19, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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“ *Dr. Mahan was my PhD advisor for 5.5 years (1986-1992). His commitment to research in swine nutrition was impressive. He was dedicated and hard working, serving as an excellent example to his students. He will be missed by many in the swine nutrition community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Betsy Newton*

Betsy Newton - August 19, 2016 at 07:55 AM