



Donald G. Rose

December 28, 1938 - July 21, 2018

Donald G. Rose died at home and was called from this temporary residence on earth to his eternal heavenly abode on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Donald was born on December 28, 1938 at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio to the late Judge Clayton W. and Phyllis (Palmer) Rose. His siblings include Judge Clayton Rose Jr., Barbara Rose Headlee, and Carol Rose Scott, who reside in Dublin, Ohio.

Don attended Dublin Public Schools for all 12 years, graduating from Dublin High School in 1956 along with 34 other classmates. His higher education was at The Ohio State University in Electrical Engineering and he graduated with a Math Degree in 1960. Additionally, he participated in many fraternity activities and enjoyed his college days.

Donald proudly served 2 years in the United States Army being discharged in 1962. Following his military experience, he attended The Ohio State University Law School, passing the Bar Examine in 1966.

He worked at the law firm of Chester, Hoffman, Park, Willcox and Rose, which in 1978 became known as Chester, Saxbe, Hoffman & Willcox. In 1981 he left that firm and joined Erick Alden at his practice in Columbus.

He served 3 years on the Regional Planning Commission, Attorney (Solicitor) for Dublin, Ohio from 1967-1974, and was appointed to the Underground Parking Commission by Governor Rhodes serving 16 years with 2 terms as Chairman.

From a previous marriage, his son, Donald G. (Chip) Rose Jr. was born in

1965. He enjoyed his years of parenting with Chip, especially the time spent coaching Little League Baseball.

Don married his soul mate, Robin in 1980 and they began life together along with Robin's daughter, Shelly, who was 12 at the time.

Don and Robin enjoyed early retirement adventures, while they were young and healthy, living aboard the sailboat Robin Lee. After selling the sailboat, they chose to travel by public transportation for 11 months in Mexico, Central and South America. The third phase of low budget travels was buying "around-the-world" plane tickets. Again, they spent 6 ½ months using various forms of public transportation visiting 15 countries and returning to Dublin in 1992. Don quickly assumed the role as a Lawyer practicing out of his home office and Robin returned to work as a registered nurse.

Don's interests included hunting, sailing, fishing, photography, golf, soaring, music, skiing, Indy car racing, cooking, bridge, OSU football, camping, RV travels. In 2001 he was a member of the Dublin Irish Rockets Malibu Grand Prix team. He also enjoyed flower gardening with a special interest of African Violets. For approximately 20 years he was a member of the Indian Lake Yacht Club. Often, he would prepare the meals for opening and closing day at the club. He attended church in Dublin and Russells Point, Ohio. Don and Robin loved being grandparents; they provided daycare for their grandson, Mitchell three days per week from 2003-2010.

Don and Robin continued their traveling experiences. All together having visited 92 countries spanning 6 continents. He also pursued the pleasure of authoring books chronicling family, travels, cooking and historical facts. His published books include:

Living Aboard the Sailboat Robin Lee

Judge Clayton Rose, Sr. (The Boy From the Great Black Swamp)

A Night of Horror (A Comprehensive Account of the 1930 Ohio Penitentiary Fire)

The Ebey's of Dublin, Ohio

Don and Robin's Favorite Recipes

and the final book will be published in December 2018. The subject is about their memoirs of Mexico, Central and South America.

Don is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Robin Lee Rose of Dublin, son; Donald G. (Chip) Rose Jr. of Austintown, Ohio, stepdaughter; Shelly (Rick) Olson, and grandson Mitchell Olson of Delaware, Ohio, siblings; Clayton Rose and family, Barbara Rose Headlee and family Carol Rose Scott and family, sister-in-law Randy (Kevin) McClure and family of Columbus, nieces, nephews, cousins, special friend Billis Pierce and family of Gahanna and numerous lifelong friends from all aspects of his life.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to:

Dublin Historical Society, www.dublinohiohistory.com,

Honor Flight Columbus, www.honorflightcolumbus.org,

Indian Lake Yacht Club (Capital Improvements Fund), www.indianlakeyachtclub.com

and Salvation Army, <https://co.salvationarmy.org>

Cemetery Details

Dublin Cemetery

83 W. Bridge Street
Dublin, OH 43017
(614) 410-4700

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 25. 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



LB

“ I've thought of our many 20 minute conversations as I cut you hair, Don. And always looked forward to the next. It's hard to pick just one memory from so many from 30 plus years ago. But when I told you I was divorcing, you asked me to please let you see the papers. To bring them to the shop...call your house and you'd be down to look over the dissolution I was agreeing to. You wanted me not to agree, to call a sharp lady attorney you'd gone up against before. And when you sat there with papers in your hands, me trying to decide, I saw tears in your eyes. You said that why you'd gotten away from being a divorce attorney was 'because nobody wins'. (I never remarried.)
I've never forgotten your 'only one argument' sailboat adventures with Robin.

LaNell Barrett - July 29, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Donald G. Rose*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

HE

“ Hope & I met Don and Robin on our 1986 trip to Sarasota Florida. We were moving to Florida on our sailboat "Passages" from lake Superior. We bonded with the Rose's immediately and spent many hours enjoying their company in many anchorages as well as events on shore. You couldn't miss Don's easy going smile and willingness to help when the situation called for it. Robins inquisitive nature was the perfect counterpoint to make them great fun to be with. I lost Hope 3 years ago and realize what Robin is dealing with but understand her deep belief in Christ will bring her through what life will offer her now. My memory of the great person Don was will sustain me also but I will miss seeing them on their occasional trips to Florida. This world is missing a brilliant Star but I know where it is shining now.

Harry Eilers

Harry Eilers - August 25, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear such sad news. I loved Don. He was a good guy. Thoughts and prayers.

Heather Boydston - August 05, 2018 at 01:37 PM

FI

“ Don and Robin took care of our two year old and myself in their home when our newborn needed a little time in the hospital. They put fresh fruit and water outside of my door each morning , such a loving thing to do, showing us the love of Jesus Christ. Years later they welcomed all 9 of us to the lake, Don showed our kids the wonders of God when he pointed out the big dipper to them in the night sky. What a wonderful couple. Such a loving example of how to live. Our daughter's name is Rose.

Fike's - August 03, 2018 at 03:21 PM

AT

“ Don and Robin were very gracious and hospitable to lend us their personal charts and logs from when they lived aboard the Robin Lee. We chartered in Florida and when they found out we were going they made this offer. That started a wonderful friendship with them and having them sail with us on Lake Erie in our Sovereign and later our Nonsuch.

Our prayers are with the family and Robin at this time.

David and Abby Taylor

abby taylor - July 31, 2018 at 01:35 PM

AS

“ Robin:
It was such a pleasure to meet you recently and to have the honor of helping you with the Dublin property. I know how much you will miss this wonderful man! But you will meet again.!

*Ann Wollett Snyder
Upper Arlington*

Ann Wollett Snyder - July 27, 2018 at 06:11 PM

PC

“ Aboard sailboats in the Caribbean, we met Robin and Don in the Bahamas I recall. They came to Fort Collins a few years back, we were happy to see them again.

We have fond memories of those days.

Our prayers are for Robin and the rest of the family at this difficult passage in life.

Patty and Cliff

Patty Clifford - July 27, 2018 at 12:17 PM

VC

“ So Sorry to hear about Don's passing. My Mother and I will be keeping your and your family in our prayers and thoughts.
Vicki Crawford and Barbara Crawford

Vicki Crawford - July 26, 2018 at 12:08 PM

RO

“ I am so sorry to hear then Don has died. He was a wonderful man. Don was so smart but at the same time so friendly and welcoming. He always had a smile on his face and took time to listen to what you had to say. I admired so much his devotion to Robin. They were a great team. I will miss Don. May he rest in peace.
Richard O'Shaughnessy

Richard O'Shaughnessy - July 26, 2018 at 09:46 AM

DS

“ *DIANA SALYERS lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Rose*



DIANA SALYERS - July 26, 2018 at 01:27 AM

DS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Don's passing. I will forever treasure his books and the times I got to hear his stories. Such an intelligent man. I loved how he enjoyed his life and most of all how he loved his wife and family. I am so sorry for your loss.
Diana Salyers

DIANA SALYERS - July 26, 2018 at 01:26 AM

RO

“ There is a special place in our hearts for those we grew up with; Don (Donnie!) was an especially good friend to my brother Bob (Bobby) both of them in the DHS class of '56 and me. We lived fairly close to each other...within bicycle riding distance, so sharing many escapades in our growing-up years! We remember, fondly, gatherings at the Rose house on Bright Road for Euchre and other games. While Donnie and I were at OSU, he would occasionally call me to fill-in as his escort to events...he was another brother to me. Ron and I share a love of sailing with Robin and Don. Reading his obituary highlights his many adventures, accomplishments and love of life. His smile, stories and easy-going spirit will be missed by many. We send our condolences and love to Robin and the Rose family. Ron and Judi (Thompson) Odell

Ron & Judi (Thompson) Odell - July 25, 2018 at 12:34 PM

DB

“ Robin, I am so sorry to hear about Don. I have walked in your shoes and know what you are going through. I have great memories of the four of us and our sailing adventures on Robin Lee and Orchid Boat and many places in-between. I imagine Bill and Don are sitting on a cloud somewhere telling stories. Will miss his Picadillo!
Many hugs.
Love, Donna

Donna Knicely, Orchid Boat - July 25, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JT

“ I think what I will always remember is how he was always smiling when you were around him. He had a great outlook on life. He and Robin were made for each other in that respect. I didn't know him well but I always enjoyed listening to his stories of Dublin and his family tree.

Jeanie Taylor - July 25, 2018 at 09:18 AM

SA

“ Robin, We are so honored to have met both of you and spending time at Treasure Cay, Just think who would thought that you yelling Where is the Bogey Inn? that they would be from Dublin. We had such a great time with you guys. I never expected to be in your book. You and Don share so much and made a different in everyone life that you both touch. Marsha and I talk about it. Thanks for the memories. Shari Abbott Angelbeck.

Shari Angelbeck - July 24, 2018 at 10:31 AM

LG

“ Don Rose a classmate and a fellow Author and a fellow former U S Army. Don was a Gentleman and just an all round nice guy. God is going to be pleased with what he created and now has received in Heaven.
As we former U S Army guys would say "HOOAH Don".

Les Gates - July 24, 2018 at 10:01 AM

BH

“ I was in the 1st graded with Don. We never new a couple that traveled as much as Don & Robin, Don traveled to 92 countries. One thing we know for Sure, "Don was a Christian" and we will see him in Heaven.

Bruce & Jayne Andrews Holder - July 24, 2018 at 08:09 AM

CF

“ I met Don and Robin through my late husband, Jack Frambes, many years ago. Don and Robin were always such generous people in all aspects of life. They had such a wonderful marriage and were so kind to each other. Don was such a lovable, smart, humble man. I always enjoyed reading his books. He will be missed.

Connie Frambes - July 24, 2018 at 07:43 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donald G. Rose.*



July 24, 2018 at 12:37 AM



“ *Don was a wonderful, intelligent and compassionate man. Our time spent with him and the wonderful conversations will be remembered fondly and for a very long time. His cooking was wonderful too. Warm thoughts to Robin and the Rose family. The Smithson Family*

Bob and Cindy Smithson - July 23, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald G. Rose.*



July 23, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jerry & Judy Scott purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald G. Rose.*



Jerry & Judy Scott - July 22, 2018 at 05:52 PM

TF

“ *The Nub Chase family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald G. Rose.*



The Nub Chase family - July 22, 2018 at 04:33 PM

EB

“ *Robin,
Thinking of you during this time. Don was a
good friend to us over the years. We will miss
his visits to Georgia. Edward&Janie Brand*



Edward Brand - July 22, 2018 at 03:49 PM

LT

“ *Deepest thoughts of sympathy to the
family. Don was a friend of our south Georgia
family and we will miss his visits.
Larry&Deidra Thomas and family*



Larry&Deidra Thomas - July 22, 2018 at 03:47 PM

SS

“ *Steve and Angie Szaruga purchased the Sweet T
enderness for the family of Donald G. Rose.*



Steve and Angie Szaruga - July 21, 2018 at 06:52 PM