



Dragan "Vuk" Vukovich

October 3, 1927 - September 1, 2017

Dragan "Vuk" Vukovich, passed away peacefully in his sleep to be with our Lord on September 1, 2017 at the age of 89 at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio.

Dragan was born in the village of Golubić, Knin in the former Yugoslavia on October 3, 1927 to Milica "Mika" and Dušan Vukovich. On November 29, 1949 at the age of 22, he boarded the USAT General Harry Taylor in Bremerhaven, West Germany in search of a new life in America. On December 10, 1949, he arrived at Ellis Island, NY. Sponsored by his Aunt and Uncle, Dragan arrived here with nothing more than the shirt on his back and spoke no English yet found a job with the Wilson Floors Company and remained there for 42 loyal years. He worked very hard to provide a good life for his family for which we are eternally grateful. He loved what he did. On August 17, 1956, he married Nancy Evans and together they had 3 children, Diane Lynn, Carol Ann, and David Scott.

Dragan was one of the original founders of his church, St. Stevan of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church in Columbus, OH in 1967 and was a proud Serb. He along with a handful of others built the church with their own hands. He was a member of Serb National Federation Lodge 231 and Ohio Carpenters Union Local 200. He was an avid self-taught photographer; and learned to develop and process his own work. Several years later after conquering photography, he dove headfirst into computers and mastered that. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

Dragan is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Nancy Vukovich (née Evans); his daughter, Diane (Joe) Vance of Gahanna, OH; son, David Vukovich of Easton, PA; grandson, Joe (Lydia) Vance of Worthington, OH; granddaughter, Christie (Nick) Brown of Delaware, OH; granddaughter, Kait Vukovich of Mt. Gilead, OH; great grandchildren, Eli and Emma Brown; best friend and fishing companion for over 60 years, The Very Reverend Father Mateja Matejić. He is also survived by his faithful canine companion, Vukie along with many cousins, relatives, in-laws and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Pajkan; parents, Dušan and Milica; brother, Milan; sister, Dragića; nephew, Milan and infant daughter Carol Ann.

Friends may call from 5:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington where the Pomen Service will be held at 7:30 pm. Funeral Service 10:00 am Thursday, September 7, 2017 at St. Stevan of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church, 1840 North Cassidy Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Burial will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Stevan of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church, 1840 North Cassady Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219 or Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214 in memory of Dragan. The family would like to thank our church, Father Isak Kisin and Popdija Dejana, The Circle of Serbian Sisters, Our Kumovi, the Matejić Family and staff at Kobacker House for all of their support during our time of sorrow.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

1000 Greenlawn Avenue
Columbus, OH 43223
(614) 444-1123

Previous Events

Visitation:

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

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Funeral Service:

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stevan of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church
1840 North Cassidy Avenue
Columbus, OH 43219

Tribute Wall



“ *Dragan "Vuk" Vukovich*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Nancy*
We were your neighbors on McGuffey and remember your husband's kindness. So sorry for your loss
Carol Stout

carol countiss - September 04, 2017 at 06:16 PM



Thanks Carol! My mom cant see read these. We were just talking about you and Donna yesterday. She is in rehab due to a fall and would love to talk to you again. Thanks for your kind thoughts. - Diane Vukovich Vance

DIANE VANCE - September 10, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Edith Conley lit a candle in memory of Dragan "Vuk" Vukovich*



Edith Conley - September 03, 2017 at 04:44 PM



*Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about Dragan passing. I think of you all the time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
please feel free to call anytime*

Edith Conley - September 03, 2017 at 04:46 PM

DC

*Dear Nancy and family,
I have thought about your family so much through the years. We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Don. He was always so kind and friendly. He always made me laugh when he would say the Easter bunny was coming. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Donna Stout Carroll*

Donna Stout Carroll - September 07, 2017 at 10:16 AM

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*Thanks Carol
My mom has been looking for you and Carol for a while just to catch up. Please email me when you can . divan58@gmail.com
Thank you
Diane Vukovich Vance*

DIANE VANCE - September 26, 2017 at 09:34 AM