



## Richard Donald Rorapaugh JR

February 21, 1952 - May 19, 2020

Richard Donald Rorapaugh Jr., 68, of Powell, Ohio passed away May 19, 2020 after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Don was preceded in death by his father Richard D Rorapaugh Sr. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Penny, daughter, Cara (Derek), son, Troy (Liz), granddaughters, Olivia and Eloise, mother, Anne, brothers, Doug, and Brooks (Kathleen), sister, Anne and nieces and nephews. Don graduated from The Ohio State University, College of Dentistry, in 1978. He had dental practices in Dublin and Plain City Ohio. He loved his career and was devoted to his patients for 29 years. Don enjoyed reading, golfing, music, travel (especially to Tucson, AZ), singing in the church choir and serving many volunteer positions in his community. Don was a man of deep faith and kindness. He always cherished time with his family and friends. He was best known for his wonderful sense of humor. When you spent time with Don you were guaranteed to laugh! Don will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory can be made to Operation Smile. [Support.operationsmile.org/goto/Donrorapaughdds](http://Support.operationsmile.org/goto/Donrorapaughdds). Condolences may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Rorapaugh was my dentist when I was a kid in Plain City in the late 70s all the way till I moved out of the area in the 90s. He's the reason as an adult I have no fear or issues with dentists.*

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**Tina** - October 16, 2025 at 06:49 AM



“ *Richard Donald Rorapaugh JR*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dr. Rorapaugh was our family dentist when we first moved to Dublin over 30 years now. We always felt comfortable with him, respected his skills and his sense of humor. His passing is a loss for the dental profession. We are proud to have known him and wish his family peace.*

*Ann, Paul, Eric, and Laura Bohman*

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**Ann Bohman** - June 14, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *Dr. Don Rorapaugh was a truly wonderful gentleman. He was my dentist and we discovered by accident that we had also been casual friends as children in Georgia during the summer where our grandmothers lived and were friends. I used to go to his grandmother's home in the company of my grandmother and great-grandmother and would swim in their pool. Don was there too of course. Life is full of amazing and wonderful coincidences.*

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**Stephen Revard** - June 13, 2020 at 02:15 PM

MV

“ Dr. Rorapaugh was my and my husband's dentist from 1984 until he retired from practice. One Good Friday I had a terrible pain in the front of my mouth. The office was closed that day because of course there was choir practice and Good Friday services that any choir member needs to attend. I called the emergency number and Penny contacted him for me. He opened the office for me and it must have been an x-ray he took. He found nothing wrong. He could have been ticked off that I disturbed his day, but instead he said, "Good news, don't see a thing wrong with the teeth". He suggested ibuprofen for the pain and that I see my primary physician. It turned out that I had a sinus infection. Since then, I have had one or two more infections that acted that way but then I knew what to expect.

The obit mentioned that if you knew Don you were guaranteed to laugh. Well, one Monday I came in and we chatted about an Anna Gastaugher skit on the previous Saturday Night Live show. It was a really funny skit and we both laughed and laughed until we realized that we might be bothering others who were in the office. Gaining composure was difficult. When I see reruns of that show and skit, I think of my appointment at Dr. Rorapaugh's office that day, and I laugh again. The heavenly choir has gained a great voice. Sing on, dear choir member!

Although he left his patients in good hands, his legacy of care pervades the office that his patients expected and received from him.

My deepest condolences to Penny and the family. Hold on to the memories, as they are golden and will provide much comfort to you.  
-Marilyn Valois (and Neil Valois 1941-2010)

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**Marilyn Valois** - June 10, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JC

“ To the Rorapaugh family. I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Rorapaugh's passing. I became a patient when I was in college at OSU, remaining with him until he retired. Completely talented and made "going to the dentist" easy! Little did I know I would "see" him again when I joined New Hope Church in 2010. What a blessing.



Even to this day, every week when I head to the Dublin post office located behind where his office was, I always smile fondly as I remember his humor, kindness, and his laugh.

I send you my kindest wishes and warmest of prayers as comfort.  
Take care, Julie Cowher

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**Julie Cowher** - June 07, 2020 at 07:06 PM

MH

“ Don & my Dad lived at the sane assisted living facility & I only knew him for a few months but I learned quickly what a genuinely kind person he was & he had a great sense of humor! My heartfelt condolences go out to Penny, their kids & the rest of the family. I will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers.



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**Missy Howard** - June 07, 2020 at 04:38 PM

PK

“ Husband, father, friend. Don was thoughtful and caring, and we loved his sense of humor and quick wit! Penny and family, you are in our thoughts and in our hearts.  
Gone too soon, rest peacefully Don.

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**Pat and Dave King** - June 06, 2020 at 08:28 AM

EK

“ Don was a good man and a good friend. We know that our Lord who welcomed Don home will give peace and comfort to Penny, Cara and Derek, Troy and Liz and his entire family during this time.

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**Ed Klinker** - June 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DF

“ Don was such a caring and gracious man. He cared so much about his patents that twice he brought Linda home from appointments because he felt it wasn't safe for her to drive herself. He and Penny had us out to Tucson many times and never expected payment for the use of the house. I always had at least one laugh when I was with him. Don, or Frazier as we used to call you, we will all miss you but will always keep you in our hearts. Love Dave and Linda

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**David Franklin** - June 04, 2020 at 11:12 AM

WS

“ My condolence to the family:

*Penny, Cara, and Troy-*

*We are sorry to hear about the passing of Don. We served together on New Hope Church's Consistory and played some golf at Wedgewood. Great guy. Gone too soon.*

*He will be missed. Walt & Sally Buss*

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**Walt and Sally** - June 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Don's passing. I met Don through Rick Dodsworth and we became good friends through the years. He had a great sense of humor and had a touch of sarcasm. We did frequent some campus area establishments in our younger years. I also became a patient of his until he was forced to retire. I even enjoyed going to this dentist. I have a lot of great memories and my condolences to Penny and the entire family.

*Jerry Bohan*

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**Jerry Bohan** - June 03, 2020 at 11:25 AM

CM

“ What a wonderful life long friend Don has been to me & our family. Penny, Cara & Troy, you know Don will always live on in our hearts. Keeping each of you in our thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. Hope to see you SOON & help celebrate Don & the loving, kind man he was. Please take care of yourselves & each other. Love always, Carolann & Bijan

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**Carolann Mashouf** - June 02, 2020 at 12:06 PM

CM

“ So sorry for the loss of this funny man! I am a classmate from UAHS. Although he is no longer suffering from the same disease that also took my father, he will be missed. Hugs to Penny and his family.

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**Chris McKinney** - June 01, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JE

*Hugs and Blessings to Penny and family .*

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**Jacquie Emery** - June 05, 2020 at 02:00 PM

DS

*Penny, I just saw that Don passed away. I am so sorry. He was the greatest, so kind and caring. My prayers are with your family. Debbie Southwick*

Debbie Southwick - December 07, 2020 at 08:48 AM

JW

“*Don was so special to Nancy and me. He challenged me intellectually, and spiritually. We sang together. We shared the stage together. We played golf with our sons. And we enjoyed a good libation together. I visited him in Tucson. I loved him with all my heart. Rest In Peace, my friend. Johnny Wagoner*

Johnny Wagoner - June 01, 2020 at 09:45 PM

AM

“*I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Rorapaugh hired me as a Dental Assistant before I even knew anything about it. He probably hired me so I would quit bugging him! But this is where my love of Dentistry began. RIP Dr. Rorapaugh*❤️

Amy Mouser - June 01, 2020 at 08:30 PM