



Donald John Schaffer

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D onald Schaffer Obituary

Donald John Schaffer, 81, of Elyria, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and U.S. Army veteran, passed away peacefully July 6, 2025 surrounded by his family. Born in Elyria August 14, 1943, Donald served his country with pride in the US Army, carrying values of duty and courage throughout his life.

Donald was a guiding light to his children teaching them kindness and hard work. To his grandchildren, he was a joyful storyteller and loving grandfather whose warmth made every moment special. An avid fisherman, he found peace on the water, sharing stories and laughter with loved ones. Known for his generosity and humor, Donald touched many lives with his warmth.

Donald is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Barbara with whom he shared a life filled with love and laughter; children, Jeff (Chastity) Schaffer and Jennifer (Brett) Elek; grandchildren, Emily, Colin, and Jessen; one great-grandchild; and many friends and family.

Friends will be received Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria. An 11:00 am graveside will follow at Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria with Chaplain Chuck Behrens officiating and Elyria VW Post 1079 will present military honors.



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Donald's spirit will live on in the hearts of those he loved. Rest in peace, Donald—you will be deeply missed.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Donald John Schaffer, please visit our floral store.

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AS

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Donald John Schaffer posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Donald John SchafferWe are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation ServiceJoin in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

January 29 at 9:41 AM

AW

Alex, Hailey, Jen, John, Leslie, Sharon, And Wayne posted:

Red designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald John Schaffer by Alex, Hailey, Jen, John, Leslie, Sharon, and Wayne. Send FlowersWishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Team Anago sends our thoughts and prayers, and warmest condolences.Alex, Hailey, Jen, John, Leslie, Sharon, and Wayne

January 29 at 9:41 AM

RV

Rosilie Vanover posted:

Petals aglow was purchased for the family of Donald John Schaffer by Rosilie Vanover. Send FlowersDeepest sympathies from Rosilie and the team at A-Quality Facility Services. Our Prayers for comfort go out to you and your family.Rosilie Vanover

January 29 at 9:41 AM

JS

Jack Peggy Sara Stacie posted:

Medium basket garden was purchased for the family of Donald John Schaffer by Jack Peggy Sara Stacie. Send FlowersWe are thinking of youJack Peggy Sara Stacie

January 29 at 9:41 AM

CO

Columbia Gas Of Ohio - Operations posted:

Gardenia plant was purchased for the family of Donald John Schaffer by Columbia Gas of Ohio - Operations. Send FlowersPlease accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.Columbia Gas of Ohio - Operations

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SF

Sending Love, Brenda Moore And Family posted:

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of Donald John Schaffer by Sending Love, Brenda Moore and Family. Send Flowers! I'll always remember Don for his loving, and fun spirit. So many memories I will always cherish. He will be deeply missed. Prayers for Barb and Family during this difficult time. Love you all! Sending Love, Brenda Moore and Family

January 29 at 9:41 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Donald John Schaffer. Plant a Tree

January 29 at 9:41 AM

VF

Vicki Lottman And Family posted:

We are very sorry about the loss your family is having to endure. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy,

July 9 at 1:06 PM

JS

Jack Schaffer posted:

My brother i will remember you forever ,you a great brother and better person to me and my family,you will be missed. rest in peace you will never be forgotten. Jack ,Peggy,Sara,Stacie

July 7 at 3:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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