



Don E. Shane

September 8, 1944 - August 28, 2020

Don E. Shane, 75 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday morning, August 28, 2020, at his residence.

Don was born on September 8, 1944 in Bluffton to Lavon L. & Agnes (Maddux) Shane. He graduated from P.A. Allen High School in 1962, where he was active in the band and the Parlor City Drum Corp.

He worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for almost 40 years and retired in 2003. Don loved to take his family camping. He loved southern gospel music and look forward to attending concerts. He always looked forward to the Bluffton Free Street Fair!

On October 23, 1965 in Bluffton, Don married Nancy E. (Heinzman) and they shared the last 55 years together.

In his school years, Don attended Epworth United Methodist Church. Don and Nancy were married at the Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church, where they were faithful longtime members of that church until the church closed and they moved their membership to Sonlight Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include his wife Nancy of Bluffton along with 3 sons; Richard L. (Tammy) Shane of Bluffton, Jeffery A. (Amy) Shane of Bluffton and Michael E. (Michelle) Shane of Ossian. Don was a loving Grandpa to 11 grandchildren; Mat, Kristina, Conley, Austin (Brianna), Jared, Kiah, Caeleb, Kara, Wesley, Hannah & Emma and 3 great-grandchildren; Recika, Zephaniah & Lyla.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Thomas Shane and a sister, Karen Barcus.

A service to celebrate Don's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday (Sept. 2, 2020) at Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the Fairmount Wesleyan Campground or The Gospel Barn of Bluffton, Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday (Sept. 1, 2020) from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Don's service at the church. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Shane family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Sonlight Wesleyan Church
2350 S State Road 1
Bluffton, IN

Service

SEP 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sonlight Wesleyan Church
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Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Don E. Shane*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

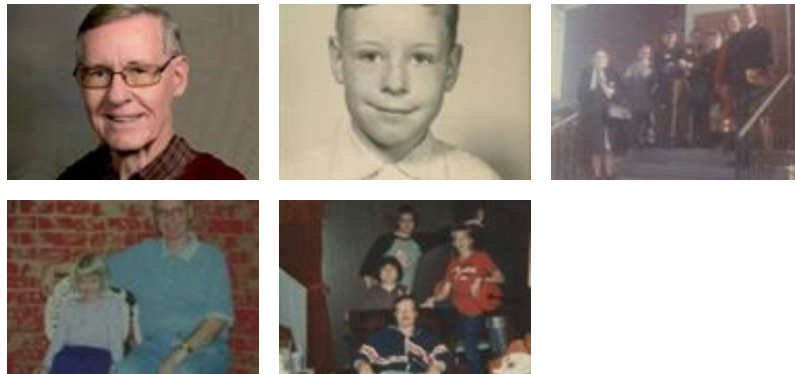


“ *Don and Nancy were counselors for Wesleyan Youth when I was a teen. He was a great guy with a sense of humor and a willingness to pass on his faith. I'm sure he has joined the gospel group in heaven.*

David Breedlove - September 04, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 01, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *I remember Don from my Epworth days. He was a few years older but him, Karen, Lavon and Agnes are certainly part of my memories. May God Bless you with beautiful memories to bring a smile and peace to you in the coming days. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

Glennis Henly - September 01, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Don E. Shane.*



September 01, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Don E. Shane.*



September 01, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ *We'll miss you, Cuz. Tell everybody we said hi. Thank you for some great memories going back about 60 years. Enjoy your new and well-deserved home. ❤️*

Valerie Jackson - August 31, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Dr Jim and Charlotte Loving purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Don E. Shane.*



Dr Jim and Charlotte Loving - August 30, 2020 at 06:23 PM

DL

“ Sometimes, character comes quietly and discreetly - even with a hint of mischievous and dry wit.

Don Shane was such a man. He also was a kind man. The type of man that we think Christians should resemble.

He also was the much-loved father of three great sons with whom Charlotte and I have become well acquainted. About nine years ago, I joined a quartet with his three sons, Jeff, Mike and Rick; and the four of us have ministered together, singing as a trio and quartet. Don and Nancy Shane made us feel that we were, indeed, part of the family. Nobody loved quartets more than Don. He was the reason that his boys became "infected" with harmony and the gospel music bug. He was at the Gospel Barn of Bluffton every time the doors opened. And, while he was still well, he thoroughly enjoyed helping me and the brothers - his sons - in stacking or retrieving hundreds of chairs or anything else he could do to help.

We'll miss him. Rest in His arms, friend.

Dr Jim Loving - August 30, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Don E. Shane.*



August 30, 2020 at 11:25 AM

KV

“ When Don was a new member of the family, He talked me into riding the big ferris wheel at the Bluffton Street Fair. I was thirteen, and this was a new experience for me. He said, "You'll be all right. I'll get on it with you." I felt safe with him sitting beside me - and I loved that ride! That was in 1965, and ferris wheels still remind me of Don. Four years later, we were in Ouabache State Park on Memorial Day, 1969. Mario Andretti had just won the race, and I was a new high school graduate. Once again, Don talked me into something - climbing the fire tower. From the top I could see downtown Bluffton. Don was always fun. I loved when he led the Bluffton Drum Core. According to the book *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*, there is a ferris wheel in heaven. Have a good time, Don.

Kathy Voss - August 30, 2020 at 12:10 AM

FF

“ From Mike Heinzmann, Kathy Voss and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Don E. Shane.



From Mike Heinzmann, Kathy Voss and family - August 29, 2020 at 09:36 PM

MP

“ Loved to kid around with him at the Gospel Barn. My thoughts and prayers are with the family! May God wraps His arms around you and give you strength, peace, and comfort.

Martha and Irene Poling - August 29, 2020 at 09:11 PM

SW

“ *Genuinely great person. Joins his wonderful sister in Heaven.
Thanks Don.*

Stan Wilson - August 29, 2020 at 06:57 PM