



Donald A. Diehl

July 20, 1928 - November 5, 2020

Donald A. Diehl, 92 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday morning, Nov. 5, 2020, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Don was born in Chicago, IL. on July 20, 1928 to William and Harriet (Pulaski) Diehl. He married Jeanette "Jan" (Marunde) on September 29, 1966 in Villa Park, IL.

Don worked as a bank examiner for the FDIC and at Harris Bank in Illinois, where he retired in 1988. Growing up, Don was active in the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout and was a polio survivor. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed many fishing trips to Canada! He was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears. He played in cribbage leagues when he and Jan lived in Sarasota, Florida for many years. Don served as Treasurer of the Condominium Board for many years where they resided in Florida.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Jan of Bluffton along with a daughter, Donna (John) Emshwiller of Bluffton, son Bill (Carol) Kovach of Wolcottville and 7 grandchildren; Brian Kovach, Bridget Kovach Vasquez, Brittney (Kevin) Gerrish, Brad Kovach, Evan (Mandy) Kovach, Rachel (Alex) Fiock and Lucas Emshwiller, along with 10 great-grandchildren.

Don is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Howard Diehl.

Due to the pandemic, there will be no service at this time. Burial will be at a later date at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich,

Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald A. Diehl*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I have been a nurse at Christian Care for about a year now and took care of Don frequently- he had quite a sense of humor and gave me a chuckle often- I don't think he liked our water- he always made a terrible face after taking his one little 1/2 pill at bedtime- I will miss Don- a neat guy- and read good books. Carol Klopfenstein*

Carol Klopfenstein - November 14, 2020 at 01:30 AM

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“ Don was my godfather and uncle. When I was little, I would go with my Dad to the bank and we would stop to see Don at work. The best perk of going to see him then was a carton of chocolate milk to drink in the bank's lunch room!

Around that time--before he met Jan--Don lived in a house that had been his mother's and she raised birds...so going to the basement room and seeing and hearing all the bird songs was a fond memory--and probably influenced by enjoyment of seeing and taking photos of birds today.

Don was an intelligent person with a dry wit, bordering on sarcastic sometimes. Although I asked him about the tattoo on his forearm many times over the years, I never remember getting a straight answer, but I do remember him rolling his eyes or making faces that indicated he did not want to answer!

Many years, when I was visiting my mom and dad in FL, Don and Jan lived in the same building. I used to go down and "bug him" when he was swimming in the pool for exercise or stop in to see him and Jan at the permitted times--when it was NOT time for a nap or bedtime! When we would go out for dinner or pizza, Don would enjoy a bottle of beer in a GLASS, and would always insist that he pour the beer himself or give the waitstaff specific instructions on how to pour it correctly from bottle to glass.

When Don was in the hospital in FL, just before moving to Indiana, he had a tablet of paper and pen with him and wrote down the name of every medical person who entered his room, and called them by name the next time they came. He did not get around very well late in life due to polio as a boy, but he was always sharp. He was a much respected Treasurer on the condo board in FL for many years.

Don was an avid reader and had a smile that could light up a room! He will be missed. I hope he soon finds my Dad and other uncles to

enjoy a beer and a game of pinochle.

Sending prayers and condolences to his family and all who knew him!

Donna Marie Primas - November 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Uncle Don was always a favorite at our house! Many fond memories of him in Villa Park and Florida. Sending hugs and sympathy to all the family at this sad time.*



Caron Primas Brennan - November 09, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ *John Emshwiller lit a candle in memory of Donald A. Diehl*



John Emshwiller - November 06, 2020 at 12:14 PM