



Donald L. Sullivan

May 15, 1931 - January 23, 2022

Donald L. Sullivan, 90, died from natural causes on January 23, 2022, at Med Central Hospital in Mansfield, Ohio.

Don was born on May 15, 1931, in Lima, Ohio to the Reverend V. I. and Helen (Herron) Sullivan. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1949 and Otterbein College in 1955 with a degree in music education. His post-graduate work was done at Indiana University, The Ohio State University, and University of Akron. His undergraduate degree was interrupted for several years when he was called into military service during the Korean War.

Don married his high school sweetheart, Anna Lee Sullivan (Irey) on January 24, 1953, just before entering the service, and died one day short of celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary. He began his career in education as a high school teacher and band director in Republic, Ohio, retiring from Mansfield Madison Local Schools. During his long teaching career, Don coached many athletic groups, ran summer youth camps, and was a choir director and YMCA youth director, in addition to working as a Mansfield area real estate agent before and after retirement.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include his son, Douglas (Patricia) Sullivan; two grandsons, Matthew (Lindsay) Sullivan, and Brian (Michael Cochran) Sullivan; two great-grandchildren, Harper and Will Sullivan; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Janel and Frank Long; and nieces and nephews Laura Jacques, Frank Gordon Long, David Glenn-Burns, Barry Burns, and Janel Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marjorie (James) Burns.

Family, service to others, teaching, and caregiving were his lifelong passions and legacy. He had many interests including woodworking, wine making, singing in a barbershop quartet group, his Monday night football buddies' group, reading, antiquing with Anna Lee, traveling, and conversing with his many friends and neighbors. Don enjoyed nothing more than hanging out with his family and always added fun and his quick sense of humor to every occasion.

A private family service and burial have been planned.