



Don Ross Shimp

August 31, 1944 - June 24, 2020

Don Ross Shimp, age 75 of Cambridge, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at his home. He was born in Cambridge, on August 31, 1944 a son of the late Frederick I. Shimp and Mary Ellen (Tracey) Shimp.

Mr. Shimp was the president of his 1962 class of Cambridge High School. He was drafted into the Army and served in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded numerous medals including the Sharpshooter Award. After the service, he went on to the University of Cincinnati to receive his bachelor's degree. He retired from GTE as a manager after many years of service. Don attended the Buckeye Boy State in 1961, he was a Life Member of the American Legion in Cambridge and very active in many of the Cambridge area clubs. Most recently he was considered the mayor of Fish Hawk Trails in Lithia, Florida.

Don is survived by: a brother Fred W. (Deb) Shimp of Medina; a sister Carol (James) Davis of Cambridge; nieces and nephews, Doug (Tammy) Green, Angie Shimp, Eric (Susen) Green, Mick (Jill) Shimp, Christine (Bill) Mickey, Marty Shimp, Mindy (Rob) McCoy, Janell (Melvin) McDaniel, Jocelyn (Randy) Zandron, Jeff (Glenda) LaRue and Heather (Troy) Gerspacher; the Champ family and Tracey family; the Cambridge High School class of 1962; his special neighbors Luke (Chris) Diruzza; his special caregiver Wayne Prahalad and many many other friends.

He is preceded in death by: his parents and a brother Paul M. Shimp.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 pm on Monday, June 29, 2020 at Bundy-Law

Funeral Home. Service will be held on Tuesday at 11 am also at Bundy-Law with Rev. Larry McKim officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites performed by the Guernsey County Veterans Council. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter 1170 Old Henderson Rd Ste 221 Columbus OH 43220 or to the Cambridge City Band. Don's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
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<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ I just recently learned of Don's passing. He was a patient at the optometry office where I work. Although I only saw him a few times a year, I felt like he was a friend. He brightened my day and was a true gentleman. I am grateful that our paths crossed.
Melissa Napier

Melissa - September 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM

DS

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Diane Smeed - July 04, 2020 at 04:28 PM

DS

Don was always there for support for our family and offered his home for relatives to stay when our daughter was married. The nephews, with Mary and Jill, prepared the brunch for our guests the day after at Don's home, then brought it to the club in our neighborhood. He danced at both weddings of our children.

Diane Smeed - July 04, 2020 at 04:32 PM

PM

“ Sending condolences to the family
I went to school with carol

Peggy j Murgatroyd

peggy j murgatroyd - July 02, 2020 at 10:41 AM

“ I first met Don Shimp in 1978 when we both worked at General Telephone of Ohio. That was back in the pre consolidation days. We were both inter company relations coordinators working for George Reed and the head of our department Richard Stearns. All correspondence on issues impacting GTE Ohio and Ohio Bell and 88 independent telcos went through our desks. Don taught me many lessons on how to get things done within the company and how to deal with sometimes contentious issues between GTE and the other telcos. Although we only worked together for several years his impact on me, and for that matter anyone he came across, was unmistakable. Not sure if he carried this through, but we used a 10, 20, 30 day of the month follow up system to keep track of issues since all we had back then was paper. I used the same system for years as I bet he did until the digital age provided other options. As I read through the many tributes written above he was certainly all that and it's evident to me by reading what has been written my view of him, formed years ago, carried on as he progressed through his career and his life. He cared for every person he met, and anyone who worked for him or around him or was a friend of his always knew he was all in for you. And yes, I sure do remember his high regard for Tom Jenkins as Tom and him worked very closely on a lot of things including one of Don's early real estate purchases and rehab in Marion, Ohio I occasionally helped Don with. Although our careers never, after Marion Ohio, put us in the same geographical proximity his impact stayed with me. You could always count on Don to give you good advice, some uplifting words and even, if you needed it, some motivation. Any assignment he was given was completed to precision and followed up on accordingly. And I had to smile when I read Rick Seymour's words as I too was the recipient of many neck pinches, that sometimes did produce eyeball protrusion. It was Don's way of getting your attention, fellowship or sometimes just calming you down when things got hot. Our paths did diverge and I have no social media presence so we did lose touch over the years. But I will never lose the warm memories of Don and am comforted to know he's now in God's presence. (as I wrote this last sentence I removed the "that" after

the know because Don always taught me to re-read carefully and specifically counseled me I used too many "thats" in my writing-and "that" was Don Shimp!)

Frank Compton

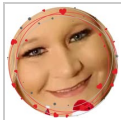
Frank Compton - July 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 05:05 PM



Don you will forever be missed. R.I.P till we all meet again.. Love ur little stick in the mud.(Brantley), Bobbie, Terry and Darrell 🥹

Bobbie Willey - July 01, 2020 at 01:02 PM

CC

“ *Don was special. He is and was loved a lot by the Champ Family. My boys Lucas, Matt. And Clint Champ. adored him. He will be missed by so many of us. He was kind hearted and so generous. So much like his parents. We miss Mary Ellen and Fred too. My condolences to Fred and Carol and all of the family members. So many good memories. Love. Connie Coleman. ❤️*

Connie Coleman - June 30, 2020 at 03:22 PM

AL

“ *Uncle Donnie. You have been my dad’s best friend for decades. You have been jack and olivia’s “uncle” Donnie for almost 9 years. Your death has left a void in our hearts but your love and generosity has left us with many many memories that we will cling to and cherish. May you Rest In Peace in His loving arms. We love you!*
Amy, Mark, Jack and Olivia Loeding



Amy Loeding - June 30, 2020 at 10:42 AM

 Barb
Umber

“ *Don was a true gentleman. He was a kind and deliberate mentor and I have taken many of his "suggestions" on my journey through life. My heartfelt condolences to those left behind. May he rest in peace knowing how many paths he crossed and made better.*

Barb Bristol Umber - Executive Director Homebound Meals

Barb Umber - June 29, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LL

“ How fortunate and blessed I have been to have loved both Paul and Don Shimp, just in different ways. Don was the first family member of Paul's that I met over 20 years ago. We moved to Lithia just so we could be close to Don. I have so many special memories of us at Don's house. His New Year's Eve and Super Bowl parties were the best and he was so happy to have his friends and neighbors there. So glad we went ahead with the 2020 parties. Even though Don did not have children of his own, he had many. His nieces and nephews and their children, he loved them all so much. I am so, so thankful that the day before he left Florida I was able to spend time with him and cry with him and say everything I wanted to tell him and hear him tell me he loved me. He told me he did not want to live the way he was so even though I am deeply saddened by his passing, I know he is no longer suffering in pain. I especially want to thank his sister, Carol, and her husband, Jim, for taking care of him from the minute he was diagnosed. There is a special place in Heaven for people like you. So, my dear friend, Don, rest in peace. I will always love and miss you.

Linda Lorenz

Linda J. Lorenz - June 29, 2020 at 04:40 PM

KA

“ Don was one of my managers for several years. He was a great boss. Sending prayers to his family and friends.

Kathy - June 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JE

“ Sometimes people come into your life for a short period of time and leave such a profound effect on you... Don is definitely one of those people. Having known Don less than 6 months, I can truly tell you he has touched many down here at the Tampa VA. His sense of humor, his zest for life, and his over all demeanor with everyone was something to behold. We could use many Don Shimps in this world, especially now. I will truly miss his laughter, his wittiness, and his sweet attitude. I am truly sorry to his family and friends for their loss but grateful he made it home. Respectfully, Jenn

Jennifer - June 29, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Don Ross Shimp.



June 29, 2020 at 09:59 AM

LN

“ Love, The Holden Family (his neighbors) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Ross Shimp.



Love, The Holden Family (his neighbors) - June 29, 2020 at 08:45 AM

TH

“ We have been neighbors of Don's in Florida for 23 years. He has been the best neighbor one could ask for. A great memory is that on every Halloween, Don would sit outside his front door, and instead of handing out candy he would give each kid a \$1 bill. If you were a special kid (one of his immediate neighbors), you would get perhaps a \$5! Needless to say, his house was the most popular one on Halloween. But not just for the \$, it was because he was such a great person and so friendly with all our neighborhood families. I also remember Don watching our daughters riding their scooters, playing on roller blades, etc. He would ask me how I could stand watching them speed and race around like that because he was afraid they'd get hurt. And I just said Don, they're kids--that's what they do! He saw them grow up from babies and kids, to young women in college and even married now. xoxo Love, Terry and Scott Holden, (Amy, Kelly, and Julie)

Terry Holden - June 29, 2020 at 08:32 AM

PH

I went thru school with Don & visited his home in FL for HS Reunions on occasion. We Were in band together in jr high & 9 th grade. He was always a good person throughout his life which you notice because of all the friends he kept lifelong. He will be missed by so many people.

Pat (White) Heath - June 30, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Ross Shimp.



June 29, 2020 at 06:23 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Don Ross Shimp.*



June 28, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Carol and family, I was so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I saw Don a couple years ago here in Florida when he was visiting the Benham's and we discussed our mutual relatives. It was so nice to catch up at that time and I am so very sorry his life was cut short. May you all find peace knowing he's not suffering anymore.*

*An old friend,
Ann Johnson Miller*

Ann Johnson Miller - June 28, 2020 at 01:14 PM

RI

“ I was one of the many fortunate people to work for Don. Some of the things I remember about Don:

- Love he had for his employees and our families.
- How happy he was when my wife (Paula) would include his Mom in her many errands while she would visit him in Ft. Wayne.
- How he looked forward to skiing with his nephews.
- Gatherings in his backyard, burning leaves and roasting hot dogs with all the work group and their families.
- Crazy Tie with a hidden script – Some of you know what I’m talking about.
- Savings bonds that he would give to each child of his team working for him at Christmas.
- Bean Soup and Cornbread he would make.
- Thinking he could smell a stink bug on the outside of my office window.
- Obsession with not ending a sentence in a preposition and then reciting them all.
- Pinching the snot out of the back of my neck.
- His many cars, back to an old blue station wagon.
- Singing - His words, “One Ton Tomato” with a mariachi band after one too many margaritas in Texas.
- Insisting my Daughter and Son-In-law stay with him while transitioning to a college in Tampa.

I could go on and on. You will be missed by me and many my dear friend.

Rick Seymour and Family

Rick - June 27, 2020 at 09:14 PM

MP

“ Like so many, I will miss my friend Don. I had the privilege of working with Don at GTE in the 80s and 90s and then working with him on his investments and financial matters for the last 20 years. During one of those GTE years, I was attending a church in Carmel where the Pastor continued to emphasize that there were only two things in the world that are eternal - God's Word and People. Don's everyday love, respect and value of others in the workplace was an excellent example of how a person should treat others when you view them as eternal. I already miss my friend Don, but I am thankful for having known him.

Mike Pate

Michael Pate - June 27, 2020 at 01:29 PM

BL

You mentioned his many cars....was one of them a red Mercury Sable from the 1980s? I didn't know Don, unfortunately, but I have that Mercury Sable now! I can tell he loved and cared for this car also, just like he loved and cared for everything in his life. Reading through these tributes, I am proud to know that my car was once owned by such a great and beloved person!

Brian Ludwick - March 24, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Don Ross Shimp, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, Don Ross Shimp, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 27, 2020 at 05:16 AM

JR

“ *I’m so sorry to hear Don passed. I was with Deb Shimp in Florida when she got the news he wasn’t well. That was end of November. What a terrible disease. Prayers to all.* 🙏🙏



Jane Rawlings - June 26, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Ross Shimp.*



June 26, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *I have too many memories of Don with our family to list just one. Don and my dad and mom, Tom & Peggy Jenkins, were the best of friends. Don was at everything our family did.....weddings, parties, holidays when he could. Don, I know you and my dad are back together again which gives me peace. You will be greatly missed by every life you touched. You were the best....I love you and will see you again one day. RIP my friend.*

Cyndi Knight - June 26, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Most sincere condolences to the Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Adams Family - June 26, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies are extended to the Shimp family. After being blessed to know Don growing up on the south side of Cambridge I always admired his willingness to reach out to those needing a kind word. There's no doubt that he will be greatly missed by anyone with whom he made contact. Rest well my dear old friend.*

Everett Mann - June 26, 2020 at 02:47 PM

MM

“ I went to work for Don in 1989. I remember arriving in the office at 7 AM and he was there. I would leave late in the day, and he was there. He was a dedicated, knowledgeable leader who always supported his people. He was excellent in finding talent from all areas of the company, putting together excellent, successful teams who could address any/all problems directed to his department. A dear friend. God Bless and keep you.

Michael Myers - June 26, 2020 at 12:22 PM

BS

“ I don't know how to start, the loss of this man is very heartbreaking for me... I played the roll of his secretary for about 7 years while we worked in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a mentor, a friend, a confidant and a super boss to me.. we enjoyed outings at his home, lunches with the gang. I started calling him every year on his birthday years ago.. I sang him the happy birthday song.. he always greeted me with, “you are so special” as we spoke about what was going on in our lives he always said, “ I'm so proud of you” “you go girl”. I phoned him earlier this year and informed him of my husband having had a stroke and he informed me he had ALS, I immediately started crying. We spoke a number of times since that first call about the ALS...I would ask him how he was doing, and silently crying every time we spoke. I will be and am very lost without this wonderful man in my life. Fly high my friend, can't wait to see you in heaven... Brenda

Brenda Smelser - June 26, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JG

“ Don made such an impression on me. He was an incredible team leader and motivator at GTE. He knew how to bring the best out of just about everyone with encouragement, support, and a dynamic personality. To know Don well was to love him because he cared so much for each and every person including family of employees. My life is greatly improved by having know Don!

Jeff Carr - GTE/Verizon - June 26, 2020 at 09:34 AM

CM

“ At GTE it was a tight knit group that worked for and with Don. We became a family with Don as the proud Papa. Our many gatherings at his homes throughout the years was always sure to be a fun time. Don will be missed by us all. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Cheryl McLaughlin

Cheryl McLaughlin - June 25, 2020 at 05:28 PM

SG

I was Don's last Dept. Secy in Carmel, IN before he was moved to Florida. He was a wonderful "boss", but a truly wonderful human being - kind, compassionate, loyal, fun, and much more. He truly loved all the people that worked for and with him. Families meant more than anything to him. I was fortunate to be able to spend a week or two each year at his home in Florida around Halloween time. He loved Halloween and all the kids. I had the dubious honor of playing the "real live witch" (and ugly I was). He would put up signs several weeks in advance to my coming down (real live witch coming here)! He was a "giver" - always to others but would not "treat" himself. One example: Halloween 2018 - a 3 year old girl visited and he gave her a dollar (he started out giving quarters; by 2018 it was dollars and sometimes more). A little later, she showed up again. He said "Didn't I just see you earlier?" She said yes. He asked her why she was back. She said "I'm double-dipping!". You could hear his laugh a mile away. He gave her \$2 more!! I guess that didn't set a good example for her, but it gave him such a laugh and joy he thought she deserved it! Don always stopped by my house to visit with my husband and I every year when he made his rounds to see everyone he knew, before he went back to Cambridge. I will miss this man greatly. Don, I know you are at peace and out of pain and know you will be able to see your loving parents in Heaven. To the family - he loved each and every one of you very much.

Sheryol Girt

Sheryol Girt - June 28, 2020 at 07:17 PM

BC

My condolences to Don's family. I was a classmate of Don's and he will never be forgotten. He was a great person with a sense of humor and an infectious smile and laugh. He loved people and life. He always made you feel so special and had the kindest words and compliments. He was a true gentleman and his respect and true caring was phenomenal. I am so glad I knew him. I am thinking of you, Don

Becky Brown Catey - June 30, 2020 at 08:36 AM