



## Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild

March 14, 1923 - April 20, 2018

Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild, 95, passed away peacefully with family surrounding him on the afternoon of April 20th, 2018. He was born in Otsego, Ohio on March 14, 1923, son of Dr. John Paul Fairchild and mother, Minnie Jane (Willis) Fairchild and lived in Antrim, Ohio until 1938.

Donald attended Madison High School through his sophomore year. His family moved to Freeport, Ohio and graduated from Freeport High School in 1940. In 1945 he graduated and earned his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from The Ohio State University. He practiced in Cambridge, Ohio for 44 years until he retired in 1989.

He served in both the Army and Navy during World War II and Korea. During his service he went from a P.F.C. in the Army to full Lieutenant in the Navy. He was a member of R.O.T.C. at The Ohio State University, Delta Sigma Delta (Dental fraternity), American Dental Assoc., one time President of the Muskingum Valley Dental Society, President of the Exchange Club in the mid 1950's, F&AM Lodge #632, Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge and American Legion Post #4.

Being called to the ministry in 1967, he served as a local pastor for the United Methodist Church, with charges in Indian Camp, Pleasant City, Cumberland, Hirambsburg, and Antrim/Winterset, until his retirement in 2006.

Donald was blessed with a long life and great love for people and often said "God gives the talent; what you do with it is a gift to God and to your fellow man, so use it wisely".

He had a wide range of interests and talents that included RC modeling, photography, greenhouse and rose gardening, raising tropical fish and wrote a weekly column for the Daily Jeffersonian on the topic. He enjoyed collecting R. S. Prussia fine china. Skilled at wood carving, he also became an accomplished oil painter with a work in the Zanesville Art Center.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy (Saft) Fairchild, second wife Irma (Stambaugh) Fairchild and a step-son Terry Stambaugh.

He is survived by his children, Donald P. (Stephanie) Fairchild, David A. (Joyce) Fairchild, Deborah K. Kintner, Delores A. (Craig) West, Daniel E. (Tejuana) Fairchild and Douglas R. Fairchild, his sister Geraldine (William) Gilcher and step-daughter Roxann (Scott) Waddell.

Additionally he is survived by sixteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, one step granddaughter and two step-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home, Cambridge on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 4 to 7 pm. Funeral services will take place at Center United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 11 am with Pastor Matt Wilson and Mark Beros presiding. Burial will be in Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Guernsey County or to any United Methodist Church. Don's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

St. Rt. 22 East of Cambridge (Cadiz Road)  
Center, OH 43725

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Center United Methodist Church  
St. Rt. 22 E.  
Center, OH

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ So sad to learn of Uncle Don's passing, heartfelt condolences to our cousins. Reflecting now on his life and our many memories of him, I realize how much we all loved and respected him. He will be missed.

Barbara Saft Klutch - April 26, 2018 at 12:50 PM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of being Don's District Superintendent in from 1984 to 1989, and found him to be a good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and a most interesting man. The walls of our home are still graced by two of his oil paintings. I purchased one as a gift for my wife. On another occasion I visited him in his studio where he was working on a painting that reminded me of a scene from my childhood home and I shared that information with him. A few weeks later, Don showed up at our door carrying the finished painting and presented it to us. We thank God for his long life of service to humanity. James E. Magaw, Sr.

James E. Magaw, Sr. - April 24, 2018 at 12:45 PM

LE

“ Sorry for the loss of a wonderful man!! I was married by Don in 2007. Also loved hearing his wife Irma at local nursing homes singing. My live and prayers to the family. R. I. P Don



Lisa Eagleson - April 23, 2018 at 07:57 AM

DH

“ Don and Irma were neighbors of ours while they lived here at Rustic Acres. We became good friends and they were the best people to know. I have many memories of visiting them both but especially after Irma passed, I would go talk to Don. He was a very interesting person to listen to. I was also given a beautiful picture that he had painted and I have cherished since he gave it to me. I have not seen Don in awhile but he was in my thoughts often. The obituary was a great tribute to him and we are very sorry for your loss. I feel blessed to have known him and Irma. Donna & Bob Huffman

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Donna Huffman - April 23, 2018 at 06:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild.



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April 22, 2018 at 09:54 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 Donald W Fairchild, 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/Navy Veteran, Donald W. Fairchild, 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 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - April 22, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild.*



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April 22, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ Karen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild



Karen Thomas - April 22, 2018 at 07:27 AM



Sending you thoughts and prayers as Rev.Fairchild will be deeply missed. May you have peace in knowing he's free from pain and suffering 🙏🙏❤️ God bless all of you  
Sincerely yours Karen Thomas 💔

Karen Thomas - April 22, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Donald W. Fairchild.



April 21, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ want to send my condolences to the family of donald fairchild

Peggy J Murgatroyd

Peggy Murgatroyd - April 21, 2018 at 02:06 PM



Sending our deepest sympathy to the Fairchild family,  
Curt & Laurie Smith

Laurie Gladieux Smith - April 21, 2018 at 04:44 PM