



Donald H. Esbenshade

September 15, 2017

Donald H. Esbenshade, 81, died the 15th of September 2017 after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ.

Don was born on February 27, 1936 in Lancaster, PA to Noah S. and Frances M. Esbenshade. He graduated from East Lampeter High School and earned his degree in Industrial Arts from Millersville State Teachers College leading to a 32 year teaching career in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District. Don is a member of the Conestoga Valley Athletic Hall of Fame, Hamilton Park UCC, PSEA, and a lifetime member of the Train Collectors Association.

Don married Priscilla Weaver on August 22, 1955. They had 58 wonderful years of marriage; raising two sons; while continuing their contributions to the community. Don coached basketball and soccer teams at Lampeter-Strasburg and Little League teams in the Conestoga Valley School District. Additionally, he continued to play both sports himself, and officiated high school and college soccer for over 25 years. His basketball career culminated in his mid-60s when he played on the winning team for the Pennsylvania State Senior Games, representing Pennsylvania in Tucson, AZ and San Antonio, TX.

In retirement, Don worked with his sons to build a family cabin in the Juniata County mountains and worked part-time for Miller & Siegrist Auctioneers. The most important thing in his life was his family and he enjoyed hobbies of model railroading and woodworking.

He will be dearly missed by his wife; sons, Eric and Mark; grandchildren, Katie

and DJ; and sisters, Janet and Carol. Don was preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Don's memory can be sent to Hamilton Park United Church of Christ, 1210 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hamilton Park United Church of Christ
1210 Maple Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald H. Esbenshade*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *So sorry to just learn of Don's passing! Many wonderful memories of our visits, and antiquing ! God bless!*

helen Shue - February 01, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald H. Esbenshade.*



October 03, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald H. Esbenshade.*



September 29, 2017 at 04:04 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. We have fond memories of our boys being together in school. May God comfort you and your family during this sad time.

Jay and Elsie Witmer

Jay Witmer, Elsie Witmer - September 25, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DM

“ we lost our basketball hero from E L H S nancy&dick McLaughlin what memories from 1953

dick mcLaughlin - September 22, 2017 at 07:56 PM

HG

“ Dear Priscilla, Eric, Mark & Family,

How shocked and saddened I was to see Don's obituary, but I did love the picture. It's just how I remembered him - that smile was the precursor to his laugh in the faculty room - especially when he or someone else was up to something. I loved to hear his stories about your family, refereeing and sports, the dollhouse shop, and occasionally a piece of wisdom or advice.

I hope the wonderful memories you have of Don will bring some comfort to you.

God Bless You All.

Holly Graff

Holly Graff - September 22, 2017 at 01:50 PM

RG

“ *Dear Priscilla*

My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family.

I have fond memories of Don when we were in high school.

Will never forget him. A wonderful man.

Thoughts and prayers are with you

Rita DiCrocco Good

Rita Good - September 21, 2017 at 12:44 PM