



## Donald Edwin Kohl

January 2, 1931 - June 3, 2020

Donald Edwin Kohl passed away peacefully at home on June 3, 2020 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving wife, sister and children.

He was born on January 2, 1931 in Gnadenhutten, Ohio to the late S.J. (Bud) and Gladys (Stocker) Kohl. After graduating from Newcomerstown High School in 1949, Donald served his country in the Air Force and was stationed in Guam during the Korean War serving as a tech sergeant in the Air Police.

Don had many hobbies and lived an active life of service to his community and devotion to his family. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Superintendent at the College Street Methodist Church. Don was involved with the American Red Cross as the Water Safety Chairman for Tuscarawas County, Water Safety Instructor Trainer, and as a Red Cross Small Craft Instructor he taught canoeing, kayaking, and sailing. Many remember him for teaching life saving classes and swimming lessons. He donated his vacation time to running the Red Cross Learn to Swim program in Newcomerstown for many years. He was also the president of the Newcomerstown Park Board. Don worked with the Explorer Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, teaching them many skills such as archery and rope making. Some of his hobbies included gardening, hunting, developing film, hunting arrowheads, archaeology, leather work, making and sharpening knives, flint knapping, jewelry making, medicinal plants, stained glass, and teaching others the art of knife and ax throwing. He and his wife enjoyed card club, Swinging Squares square dance club, and the Killumbuck Longrifles Buckskinners, attending Rendezvous around the country in their period costumes. He especially loved whitewater canoeing and was a member of the Keel-Haulers Canoe Club. Don had a small business, Kohl's Floral, and raised orchids. He retired from General Tire (Boltaron Thermoplastics) in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean (Kohl) Wilkin; and grandson, Wesley Porter. He is survived by his wife Janice (Rogers); sister Sue (Kohl) Neal; and seven children, Ruth (Mark) Hulthen, Donna Kohl, Linda (Allen) Klark, Sally (Edward)

Albrigo, Karen (Jeff) Jacobs, Amy (Arthur) Hoag, and John Kohl; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crossroads Hospice in the name of Donald Kohl.

<http://www.crossroadshospice.com/why-crossroads>

# Comments

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“ Dee Dee Gadd White lit a candle in memory of Donald Edwin Kohl



**Dee Dee Gadd White** - June 06, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ So deeply sorry for your loss. Karen and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Dee Dee Gadd White** - June 06, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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“ 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 Edwin Kohl, 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 Air Force Veteran, Donald Edwin Kohl, 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 06, 2020 at 05:15 AM

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“ Janice and family, Sending my deepest condolences. I appreciated the example Don was to his family and our village. May our Lord comfort and bless you, knowing he is at peace. Love you all.



**Brenda Russell-Fox** - June 05, 2020 at 04:30 PM

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“ Janice and family,

During this difficult time, I know you'll find comfort in those who were touched by your husband's/father's life. I knew Donald Kohl as an amazingly talented mentor who taught me life-long water rescue and canoeing skills, to mention only two. Our Girl Scout troop looked forward every year to canoeing and camping overnight on a sandpile along the Tuscarawas River. I cherish the memory of waking up with grit in our sleeping bags, hair, and scrambled eggs. Don Kohl made a difference in many Newcomerstown lives, and I am fortunate to have been one of them.

**Nedra (Knight) Loveridge** - June 05, 2020 at 04:07 PM

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“ Remembering my times with Don. Don & his family would often come out to our granddads house on Sunday afternoons. We roamed the hills and fields looking for arrowheads, ginseng and mushrooms. Don sure knew his plants and taught me their medicinal value. Sure will miss him.

**Larry Hagan** - June 05, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ Mrs. Kohl, Donna, Linda and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Don was abundantly capable and willing to share his talents with many. I especially loved his swimming lessons at Cy Young Park. Sorry for your loss.



**Marsha Campbell (Lineback)** - June 05, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Edwin Kohl.



June 05, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ Sending my love and happiness your way. He was an amazing father, husband and brother. He had such unique skills that you will carry forward and have already instilled your children and grandchildren.

**Jennifer Stone** - June 05, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. we have so many fond memories of your family when we lived in the neighborhood some forty years ago. God Bless you all Love and prayers. Garry and Sue Marlatt

**Garry and Sue Marlatt** - June 05, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“ I'll do sorry for your loss I know he was loved by all.

**James Mccumbers** - June 05, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ I first knew Don Kohl because of swimming lessons at Cy Young Park and later as the father of 7 amazing children. The Kohl family became a second family for me and I got to spend a great deal of quality time in that big house in River St. Sally, your Mom and the rest of the family have my very deepest condolences. He will be missed!!

**Scott Holdsworth** - June 04, 2020 at 09:03 PM

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“ So much fun with Don at the Sortsman club when Girl Scouts had day camp there. He was always willing to help the girls. RIP Don .. condolences to the family.



**Mary Gump** - June 04, 2020 at 09:03 PM

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“ Linda and Family. So sorry for your loss; your Dad was a wonderful man.

**Jody Baker** - June 04, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ Brenda Stout lit a candle in memory of Donald Edwin Kohl



**brenda stout** - June 04, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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“ Don was one of the nicest people I have ever known...I grew up in the neighborhood with the Kohl family...Don taught me to tie a square knot...which I have used extensively my whole life..And I have thought of him every time I tied it..and will continue to....Don was a well known and well liked person in the community..he will be sorely missed..One Of A Kind....Rest Easy Don..You touched so so many lives...

**Bobby Stocker** - June 04, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ I will always remember Don for teaching Girl Scouts canoeing in addition to swim lessons, life saving and Donna and Linda's dad. I also remember him teaching us girls how the Indians would use the slopes of the stream beds as a sauna, placing hot rocks on the cool ground. Every time I canoe, I remember and am very thankful for his teaching those skills. Thank you Don. Peace to you and your family



**Anna Kelley** - June 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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“ You certified me as Jr lifeguard and Senior lifeguard, you taught me to swim stronger and rescue any in trouble. You worked hard at General Tire with me for many years... Don you were the best.. Rest now. You've work and played so very hard... Betsy DeLong Wise



**Betsy** - June 04, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ Karen And Roger Haver lit a candle in memory of Donald Edwin Kohl



**Karen and Roger Haver** - June 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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“ Don & Marjorie Carr lit a candle in memory of Donald Edwin Kohl



**Don & Marjorie Carr** - June 04, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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“ MYRIAM AND I want to express our sympathy and say we could not of had a better friend and neighbor

**Joel Styer** - June 04, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ Mr Kohl..you taught me so much in my youth, and being one of John's friends I spent a lot of timing growing up st your house.  
You taught me to swim, kayak, canoe, sail, and shot a bow, to name just a few things. You are a great man and will be certainly missed by many.  
Thank you for being such a patient and purposeful man to me in my youth.

**William Belle** - June 04, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ Special memories at Grandma and Grandpa Kohl's farm with our huge families are embedded in my mind. Uncle Bud and Aunt Gladys with the kids and Homer, Helen and kids gathered with all of us - what great times! The welcome line in Heaven for Don will be quite long...and loving. Our prayers for all of you as you deal with his loss. God bless you, Janice and family.  
Most sincerely, Bob & Bonnie Struchen Gribble



**Bob & Bonnie Gribble** - June 04, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ May he rest in peace. Such a loving family.  
**Robert Klark** - June 04, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Great man and proud to have called him my father in-law. I'm still finding shards of flint around a fireplace in Oklahoma where he came to visit his daughter Linda and I. Don taught me the basics of flint Knapping, leather work and stained glass. I enjoyed having him and Janice visiting us in Texas, but after we bought our cabin "in the woods" in Oklahoma, we went to Oklahoma to visit them! Rest In Peace Father Don, you left one huge footprint in this world and touched many people.

**Allen Klark** - June 04, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ A wonderful man. My deepest condolences.

**Chuck Donato** - June 04, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family! Prayers for comfort! Ellen Coutts and family



**Ellen Coutts** - June 04, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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“ Debbie Mcintire Hickman lit a candle in memory of Donald Edwin Kohl



**Debbie Mcintire Hickman** - June 04, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ I learned a lot from Don during my years in the Boy Scouts. He was always willing to share his wealth of knowledge. My condolences to the family.



**Brian Parks** - June 04, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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“ John and family,  
I am saddened to hear of the loss of your father. Please accept my condolences.  
Sending many prayers .



Michelle Theriault Fyock - June 04, 2020 at 02:33 PM