



## Donald L. "Don" DeRespiris

September 5, 1937 - May 11, 2018

Donald L. "Don" DeRespiris, age 80 of Concord, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at The Lantern of Madison, Madison, OH. He was born September 5, 1937, in New York, NY.

Mr. DeRespiris was a retired Research Chemist for Eltech, prior to that he worked at the former Diamond Shamrock.

Don is survived by his wife of 58 years: Susan H. (Unver) DeRespiris; children: Donna (Rick) Downing, Douglas (Robin) DeRespiris, Lisa (Gary) Russ, Valerie (Ray) Krasowski, Michael (Carla) DeRespiris, Brian (Katrina) DeRespiris; 14 grandchildren: Jennifer (Kevin) Boyle, Megan (Casey) Teeters, Christopher Downing, Jaims (Rebecca) Santiago, Andrea (Michael) Banks, Brandon (Autumn) DeRespiris, Jason (Maureen) Russ, Rachel Russ, Brian Sturtz, Christal (Nick) Bell, Nick DeRespiris, Hannah, Zachary & Carley DeRespiris; 10 great-grandchildren: Mckenna, Riley, Teegan, Acadia, Hailee, Journey, Lincoln, Addison, Carmen and Harper.

Preceding Donald in death are his parents: Louis and Maria DeRespiris; sister Marion Gaspari and dogs: Pepper & Sadie.

Don's family will receive family and friends from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center,

8466 Mentor Avenue in Mentor.

The Mass celebrating Don's life will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2018, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road in Concord Township. Please meet at the church.

Private family entombment in All Souls Cemetery Chardon will be at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, 44110 or Lake Humane Society, 7564-E Tyler Boulevard, Mentor, Ohio 44060 or The Lantern of Madison, 2041 Hubbard Rd, Madison, OH 44057.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Concord Twp., OH 44060  
(440) 352-8282

# Tribute Wall



“ *Godiva Chocolate Celebration Signature Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. "Don" DeRespiris.*



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May 16, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *&Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald L. "Don" DeRespiris.*



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**&Family** - May 16, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Hearing about the passing of Donald has deeply saddened me, but I know that this is far from what Susan and the DeRespiris family are going through at this present time. My heartfelt sympathy and condolences goes out to all of you.*  
*Lou Gaspari*

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**Louis Gaspari** - May 13, 2018 at 08:20 PM



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Gaspari

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I heard today of my Uncle Donald's passing. I was only able to meet him a few times in my life but his strong and beautiful family, that he and my Aunt Susan raised, helped me to see what could be done in this world as a father and parent. To see my cousins happy and successful and with beautiful families of their own is a testament to my Uncle and the man he was. I did not get to be raised by my Uncle Donald's sister Marion DeRespiris, my mother, as she passed when I was one but the DeRespiris family has impacted my life in a positive way. My love and condolences to you all during your time of grief.*

*Gregory Gaspari and family*

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**Gregory Gaspari** - May 13, 2018 at 05:45 PM

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*Our deepest condolences to the DeRespiris family. Although I have not seen Donald in a very long time, I have nothing but fond memories of the time we spent together. We share our nephew Gregory, who has been a joy to us. His mother, Marion, would have been so proud of him. Susan, please take comfort knowing that Donald is now together with Mae, Lou and Marion, all such loving people. Please extend our sympathy to your entire family.*

*George and Dolores Gaspari*

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**George Gaspari** - May 13, 2018 at 09:21 PM

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*Dear Sue and Family, sending sympathy and prayers your way. May God Bless you all and help you remember all the happy family times you had with Don/Dad. Carolyn Pepin*

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**Caroly Pepin** - May 14, 2018 at 08:07 AM