



Donald J. Stauffer

January 18, 1944 - November 9, 2025

Donald J. Stauffer, 81, of Mentor, died November 9, 2025, at his daughters' home. He was born on January 18, 1944, in Westmoreland, Kansas.

Donald worked as a Department Manager at Wiseco Piston for 37 years until his retirement in 2006. His hobbies included having old Ford trucks, tinkering with his motorcycle, range shooting, boating and being a member of the Fairport Harbor Yacht Club for many years.

Survivors include his children, Rusty Whitman, Darlene (Jerry) Boger and Gail (Sonya Beimers) Stauffer, and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith B. Stauffer; parents, George and Lois Stauffer; son, Billy Whitman; and his brother, Dennis Stauffer.

Private family burial services were held in memory of Donald at Mentor Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Seven months have passed since you left and not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I still want to share things with you, and still miss your presence in my home and in my life. You were more than my father—you were my friend, my confidant, and my person.*

Caring for you and having you with me during your final days was one of the greatest privileges of my life, even though saying goodbye was the hardest thing I've ever done. The house is quieter now, but my heart is still filled with the love, laughter, and memories we shared.

I miss you more than words can express, and I will carry you with me always. Until we meet again, I love you, Dad.

gail - Yesterday at 07:19 PM

DA

“ *Darlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald J. Stauffer*



Darlene - May 20 at 04:33 PM

GA

“ It has been six months since you left, and I still miss you every single day. Some days it honestly feels impossible that you are gone. I still think about calling for you, talking to you, or hearing your voice in the house.

You were more than my father — you were my person. Thank you for letting me care for you, love you, and walk beside you through your final days. Even through the heartbreak, I would do it all over again just to have that time with you.

There is such a deep emptiness without you here, but there is also so much love that will never leave me. I carry you with me always Dad.

I love you Dad You don't always need to hear that to know it. 😭

gail - May 09 at 03:58 AM

GA

“ Thinking of you always ❤️

gail - May 05 at 06:00 PM

GA

“ I miss you everyday. You have always been there for me and now I feel lost. I will not forget the night before you passed what you said to me. I hear that over and over in my head. I wish I could have kept you longer but it was your time to go. This is the hardest goodbye for me. I love you soo much ❤️

gail - March 16 at 06:47 PM

GA

“ *I hope your peaceful*



gail - February 09 at 09:03 PM

GA

“ *3 months today - I hate this. Words can not describe how much I miss you. 19,777 days we were together - not long enough. I ❤️ you Dad.*

gail - February 09 at 08:14 AM

DA

“ *Thinking of you.*



Darlene - February 05 at 07:24 AM

GA

“ 🎈 🎈 *Happy Birthday Dad* 🎈 🎈

gail - January 18 at 09:30 AM

JW

“ Happy Birthday!



Jessica Whitman - January 18 at 08:12 AM

DA

“ 1/18/44. I can still hear you say that. Happy Birthday Poppa! 🎂 I love you ❤️



Darlene - January 18 at 07:21 AM

DA

“ You got me this time Dad. Straight to the heartstrings💕 You little toad. 🤪

Darlene - January 10 at 01:46 PM

DA

“ Two months Dad...At times it feels long.. I catch myself saying I need to call you, then it hits me.... I miss you 🤪

Darlene - January 09 at 11:09 PM

GA

“ I miss our evening chats while laying in bed eating snacks and the crazy shit you would say. Those are the moments that I play in my head over and over and wishing I had more of them. I am soo grateful for the time we had together. It’s been 2 months since you left and everyday has been hard but I told you I would be okay and I’m trying to keep that promise. I love ❤️ you Dad. 🌸

gail - January 09 at 10:35 PM

DA

“ 🌲 Merry Christmas Poppa 🌲



Darlene - December 25, 2025 at 10:04 PM

JW

“ Merry Christmas



Jessica Whitman - December 25, 2025 at 02:30 PM

GA

“ Everyday Dad, Everyday



gail - December 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

GA

“ How can it be one month ...I miss you everyday❤️

gail - December 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DA

“ It's been one month Dad. 🥰 I love you.



Darlene - December 09, 2025 at 08:31 AM

GA

“ Gail lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Stauffer



gail - December 04, 2025 at 11:29 PM

GA

“ Gail sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald J. Stauffer



gail - December 02, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JW

“ Jessica Whitman lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Stauffer



Jessica Whitman - December 02, 2025 at 08:58 AM

GA

“ Happy Thanksgiving Dad 🦃
I wish you were here with me
I miss you more than you know
❤️

gail - November 27, 2025 at 08:48 AM

GA

“ Dad you were my person ,my steady place, my quiet strength. I am grateful for the time we spent together. I will miss you dearly for the rest of my life.

gail - November 15, 2025 at 09:51 PM

ER

“ I didn't know you very long, but I always enjoyed coming up to Ohio to visit you. I knew when we came in the house you would be sitting in your chair watching your rodeos or old westerns. You were always so happy to see us and made me feel welcomed, like I was one of your grandchildren. I will miss you and our visits, but I am happy you are at peace.


Erika - November 15, 2025 at 06:11 PM

RY

“ I will always remember our trips to go fishing in your huge (at the time) pick up truck. You would put your arm around me as you shifted gears and I would be so proud to be the little boy going to fish with his Grandpa. I love you and cherish the our fun times together.

Ryan - November 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

DA

“ I can't believe I'm seeing your face on here. I miss you. I love you.


Darlene - November 15, 2025 at 05:25 PM