



Donald P. Sturgeon

July 28, 1951 - April 1, 2022

Donald P. Sturgeon, 70, of Hagerstown, died Friday, April 1, 2022, at Reid Health in Richmond.

He was born in Indianapolis on July 28, 1951 to James H. and Dorothy (Davis) Sturgeon. They moved to Hope, IN in 1952.

He was a 1969 graduate of Houser High School. He attended Vincennes University and transferred to Purdue University, where he received a BS in Agricultural Education in 1973 and Masters in 1974. He earned an endorsed in Science Education at Ball State University in 1990.

Don began his teaching career in 1974 at Nettle Creek Schools. He also taught at Tri Central in Sharpsville from 1980 to 1984. Don returned to Hagerstown where he completed 40 years of teaching agricultural education.

Following his retirement, he taught at Ivy Tech in Richmond and drove the athletic bus for I.U. East. He was currently driving a bus for Nettle Creek Schools.

Don was active in many community and agricultural organizations. His greatest pleasure was seeing his students become active and productive members of their communities.

He was a member and Past Master of Hagerstown Lodge #49 F&AM where he was currently serving as Lodge Secretary. In 2008, he was recipient of the Good Neighbor and Friend Award. He was also a member of Hagerstown First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Sturgeon; 3 children, Daniel Sturgeon of Hagerstown, James Sturgeon (Amanda) of Conway, SC and Leslie Moore (Peter) of Carmel; 5 grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy Sturgeon, of Greenwood, a brother, David Sturgeon (Cindy) of Indianapolis; 2 sisters in law, Nancy Upchurch and Barb Allen Turner (Brian), both of Richmond; several nieces and nephews.

His father, James H. Sturgeon, preceded him in death.

Private services will be at the convenience of the family, with a Masonic Memorial Service prior to services. A public celebration of Don's life will be announced in the near future.

Memorials may be made to Hagerstown First United Methodist Church or Jefferson Twp. Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 166, Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Cemetery Details

Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Rd.
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon*



Culberson Funeral Home - April 07, 2022 at 06:50 PM



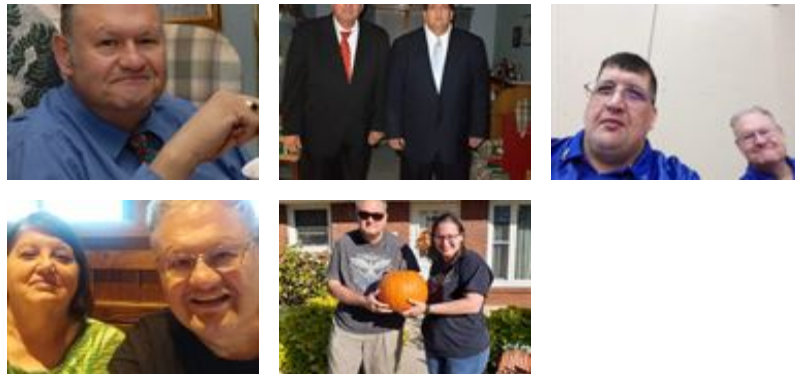
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald P. Sturgeon.*



April 08, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Culberson Funeral Home - April 07, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald P. Sturgeon.



April 07, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ Donald, Tara, Teressa, Lynn, Steven, Shaquiel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald P. Sturgeon.



Donald, Tara, Teressa, Lynn, Steven, Shaquiel - April 07, 2022 at 06:27 AM



“ Evelyn Dennis lit a candle in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon



Evelyn Dennis - April 06, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ Don was a genuinely good guy. He was full of decency, wit and wisdom. A servant to the community in ways too many to mention. He was always a steady hand on the wheel. This world was a better place because Sturg passed through.

Tim Reagan

Tim Reagan - April 05, 2022 at 02:33 PM

EP

“ Don was a good friend and a gentleman very interested in his students and the community. He was always interested in talking and was a good role model. he will be missed. Ed Pollock

Ed Pollock - April 05, 2022 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ Sturg and I have been great friends since he arrived at Hagerstown in 1974. In our single days we spent alot of time having a Marker burger at Connies or a breaded tenderloin at Deans Silver Dollar. I nicknamed him Sturgeo after the group Sergio Mendes in the 70s. He always had a joke or a funny story to tell you. He was a great teacher and tremendous role model for his students. But most of all he loved his family.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. R.I.P. my old friend.

Lloyd Michael

Lloyd Michael - April 05, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald P. Sturgeon.



April 04, 2022 at 07:24 PM

TH

“ Mr Don Sturgeon was my Ag teacher in the 70's. Later in life his wife babysit my son for a bit. Reconnected with Don on Facebook a few years ago. A great man that will be missed.

Thomas Hall - April 04, 2022 at 06:13 PM

MP

“ Don and I grew up together, attending the same schools from first grade through high school graduation. He was more than a fellow student; he was my friend. I have fond memories of spending many times at his house; his family treated me like I belonged there. I'm sorry to say that, over the years, we lost touch with each other. However, I was able to follow him on Facebook. It was very obvious that he was so admired and loved by all who knew him. This did not surprise me; he always had such a big heart and was just a genuine great man. God definitely has another angel; while he will be missed so much by everyone who knew him, we know he is at peace in a much better place. RIP, Donald; you made the world a better place. Love, Mike Percifield, HHS, class of '69.

Mike Percifield - April 04, 2022 at 04:01 PM

MR

“ Marilyn Revalee lit a candle in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon



Marilyn Revalee - April 04, 2022 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ Thoughts, prayers and hugs to Jane and family. Many, many fond high school and FFA memories we are holding on to. Julie, Caleb & Abbie Blaase



Julie Blaase - April 04, 2022 at 02:36 PM

TW

“ He was always such a kind and gentle man. Our heart and prayers are with his family.

Bob, Chris and Cheyenne Walker

The Walker's - April 04, 2022 at 02:00 PM

LC

“ Don (Sturg) was a mentor and friend to me and many of his students and colleagues. He will be missed greatly. One of the kindest men I knew, always had a way of encouraging those he was around. To Jane and his family, thank you for sharing your husband and father with us in the FFA and Ag Ed family, I know he gave up a lot of time to be at our events and activities. Prayers for family and friends in the days ahead.

Lisa Chaudion - April 04, 2022 at 12:40 PM

CS

“ Rest In Peace, cousin.

Chuck & Darlene Sturgeon

Chuck Sturgeon - April 04, 2022 at 12:14 PM



Thomas
Wallace

“ Sturg is described as a great role model who not only served his students well but the family known as the Indiana Ag Teachers. This man had such a great impact on me as a professional and a human being. Sturg's wisdom would get me humbly through the peaks and lift me up from the valleys. Rest In Peace. -Tom Wallace-

Thomas Wallace - April 04, 2022 at 11:48 AM

AB

“ So sorry to see this. Sturg was one of the first veteran Ag teachers that struck up a friendship and helped mentor me as a new Ag teacher. He was always smiling and one of the first ones I would go to for help with anything Ag related. He will be sadly missed by many including me.

Anita Boggs - April 04, 2022 at 09:45 AM

PH

“ Patricia Helms lit a candle in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon



Patricia Helms - April 04, 2022 at 05:19 AM

PH

I'm so sorry for your loss, Ivy Tech Student in Don's class

Patricia Helms - April 04, 2022 at 05:25 AM

JN

“ Dear Family of Donald P. Sturgeon: Donald and I went on a few dates when we both were students at Hauser High School in Hope, IN. He was a really nice guy and **always** a perfect gentleman! From what I know of Donald, his was a life well-lived, and he will be sorely missed by dozens, if not hundreds, of people. Please, accept my sincere sympathy for your (our) loss.
Janie Blackburn Norberg, Ferguson, MO

Janie Blackburn Norberg - April 04, 2022 at 01:44 AM

T'

“ Mr. Don Sturgeon was a great Ag teacher at Hagerstown. Also, he was a great FFA chapter adviser. So patient and kind to us students. He helped us develop skills and talents, and saw potential in every child. He'd let a dozen boys climb all over that El Camino to go check the FFA crops. What a Man & Teacher.

Thad Davis - '86 - April 03, 2022 at 09:30 PM

JK

“ Don and I were in 4 H together. We showed cattle. He Black Angus, me Polled Hereford. We graduated high school together. Attended college together. After college we each went our seperate ways. I can't think of a finer gentleman that truly loved Agriculture and sharing his knowledge through his teaching. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace my friend.

John R. Konkle - April 03, 2022 at 08:46 PM

SI

“ Don was a great leader serving as the President of the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE). He had a love for teaching and the FFA organization. He will be missed by the agriculture community. I was previledged to have the opportunity to work along side Don in the IAAE.

*Steve Inman
Retired Agriculture Teacher
Kankakee Valley High School*

Steve Inman - April 03, 2022 at 06:34 PM

ML

“ I had the pleasure of working the chain gang with Sturge at HHS football games for several years. During the games if one team was in a third down and long situation Sturge would always say "Well guys, looks like they're third and Modoc". I remember the first time I heard him say that I cracked up! What a great guy and true gentleman. RIP Sturge.

Mike Lieberman

mike lieberman - April 03, 2022 at 04:30 PM

CB

“ Don was a great roll model for the students at Hagerstown. He was the FFA leader and gave my daughter, Sarah Moran, great memories and love of agriculture. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Cheryl Moran Brown - April 03, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JG

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Don. He was one of the kindest persons and had a heart of gold. He also had a wonderful sense of humor. I can still see him entertaining as one of the "Blues Brothers". Prayers for peace and comfort.

Judy Godfrey - April 03, 2022 at 02:56 PM

PT

“ *Jane and family,*

So sorry for your loss, he was truly a pillar of the community.

God bless you in your time of grief. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Pam Tucker

Pam Tucker - April 03, 2022 at 02:17 PM

CA

“ *In our experience only one man could be recognized by anyone in Hagerstown upon hearing his nickname. Sturge was obviously that man. We never heard him say a cross or negative word about anyone in the many years we knew him. RIP Don..*

Carl and Sandy Allen

Carl Allen - April 03, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JT

“ *Jane Thomas lit a candle in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon*



Jane Thomas - April 03, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RE

“ *Sincerest condolences and prayers of comfort for Jane and the family. Don was a wonderful person, teacher and friend.* ”



Rena - April 03, 2022 at 01:11 AM

LC

“ *Laura Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald P. Sturgeon* ”



Laura Clark - April 03, 2022 at 01:11 AM

AM

“ *he was a good teacher and very kind.* ”

Amanda - April 03, 2022 at 12:19 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald P. Sturgeon.* ”



April 03, 2022 at 12:08 AM

LL

“ My special prayers go out to Jane and the children. I have many good memories of My AG teacher at Hagerstown High School.. I can remember students would want to take a break and Don had a special way of saying that we could " SHOOT THE BREEZE"!! And he always let us know that anybody could say what they wanted to about him but by golly you wouldn't talk bad about his mother or his wife!! And I still remember that after all these years. Keeping you all in my prayers love and hugs Linda Leeper

Linda Leeper - April 02, 2022 at 11:01 PM

MO

“ So sorry for your loss.he was a true gentleman.

Mary owens - April 02, 2022 at 09:40 PM