



## Donald O. Hoefling

June 27, 1933 - June 8, 2018

Donald O. Hoefling passed away Friday, June 8, 2018 at Solarbron Memory Care Unit, surrounded by his family.

Don was born on June 27, 1933 in Evansville to the late Harold and Marie (Berger) Hoefling. He was a 1951 graduate of Mater Dei High School and served his country as a Basic Airman in the United States Navy until 1956, including a tour of the Mediterranean on the USS Intrepid and continued in the Naval Reserve until 1960. Don started work at Mead Johnson & Company in 1956 as a Pressman, then worked on the “Extra Gang” followed by an assignment in the Exhibits Department, traveling the U.S. displaying infant nutritional products at conventions. He then was Manager of the Printing Department, finishing his 37-year career in Creative Services as Associate Manager of Print Production, retiring from Bristol Myers Squibb in 1993. During retirement, Don enjoyed a part-time job at Clearcrest Pines Golf Course.

Don was a devoted family man, married to Rita (Mayer) Hoefling for 62 years. They enjoyed a long retirement traveling, spending time with grandchildren, golfing with friends, and as members of the Knights of Columbus. They also volunteered at The Ronald McDonald House, The Little Sisters of the Poor and St Boniface Catholic Church. They received the Brute Award in 2014 recognizing them as outstanding models of Christian fellowship.

In addition to his wife Rita, Don is survived by two daughters, Tammy (Tom) Spahn and Amy (Mark) Schlachter and three sons, Dan (Laura) Hoefling,

David (Dodi) Hoefling and Andy (Patty) Hoefling. Don was most proud of his sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. His surviving grandchildren include Matt (Krystle) Spahn, Sarah (Ryan) Beuligman, Andy (Jenna) Spahn, Ryan (Samantha) Hoefling, Brittany (Terry) Roudenbush, Austin Hoefling, Aaron Hoefling, Anna Hoefling, Abby Hoefling, Lauren Hoefling, Maggie (Eric) Weinzapfel, Jacob Hoefling, Drew Schlachter, Cara Schlachter and Audra Schlachter.

In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by his brothers, Gene Hoefling and Harold "Snookie" Hoefling as well as Don's angel grandchild Gwen Schlachter.

Friends may visit the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Pierre Funeral Home at 2601 W. Franklin St. The visitation will begin with a prayer service at 2:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on June 13, 2018 at St. Boniface Catholic Church with a showing at church starting at 9:30 AM. Burial will follow at St. Joe cemetery.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Solarbron Memory Care Unit staff and the Deaconess VNA Hospice staff.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Ronald McDonald House, [www.rmhcohoivalley.org](http://www.rmhcohoivalley.org) or St. Boniface Catholic Church, [www.saintbonifaceevansville.com](http://www.saintbonifaceevansville.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JUN 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald O. Hoefling*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 11, 2018 at 02:43 PM



*A beautiful tribute to a great man with a life full of love!*

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**Casey Wilson** - June 11, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *Donald O. Hoefling*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

HN

“ Dear Rita and Family,

*I wish to offer my sincerest condolences on behalf of Don and the wonderful man that he was. His friendship, kindness and Christian character will always be etched in the hearts of so many. It was my honor to have taught his children, become friends with the family and enjoy many trips to St. Louis and Indianapolis football games. His laughter and personal style will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers will be with you always. "Uncle Don" will truly be missed.*

*May God grant my friend Eternal Peace.*

*Herb Neighbors*

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**Herb Neighbors** - June 14, 2018 at 09:37 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time. We were so sad to hear of your loss. May God's love bring you peace and comfort. Patrick & Carolyn Scheller



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**carolyn scheller** - June 12, 2018 at 05:58 PM

RB

“ *To the Family of Don Hoefling:*

*I am deeply saddened to learn of Don's passing.*

*I came to know Don early on in my career at Mead Johnson. The Audio Visual and Photography Department worked hand in hand with the Exhibits Department, where Don was located.*

*His office was a few steps from mine, where at times we lifted a can of Bib Orange Juice in a toast to the good life as Mead Johnson employees.*

*I always enjoyed Don's company. He had a calming effect on me at times when work was stressful.*

*Although we have been out of touch these many years since our retirements, I never forgot him, nor have I forgotten a couple of things he taught me.*

*On the job, "It's all in a day's work," and at lunch break, "Never take for granted the value and the blessing of a simple baloney sandwich." He was a good man.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences at this time of sorrow and loss. I'm sure he will be missed by many good friends and family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ron Berry*

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**Ron Berry** - June 11, 2018 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don’s passing. I first met Don through Rita while working at Rose Marie’s. I found out later that he was a friend of my grandfathers at Mead’s. What a kind hearted and lovely person. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

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**laura symon** - June 11, 2018 at 09:36 PM

BJ

“ So sorry for the loss of this wonder man, sending prayers to the family. Mary Jo Berger-Covey

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**Berger-Covey Mary Jo** - June 11, 2018 at 05:35 PM

MT

“ MJN Global SC Processes, David's Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald O. Hoefling.



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**MJN Global SC Processes, David's Team** - June 11, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald O. Hoefling.



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June 11, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald O. Hoefling.*



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June 11, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Had the pleasure of being his main housekeeper back in memory care....he was such a treasure....a very sweet man with a smile on his face everyday....liked to cut up with me....Don I will truly miss you buddy*  
*Lou Moore*

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**Louveta Moore** - June 11, 2018 at 09:31 AM

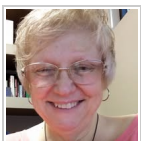


“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald O. Hoefling.*



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June 11, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ *David, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Lorri Snyder** - June 10, 2018 at 05:12 PM



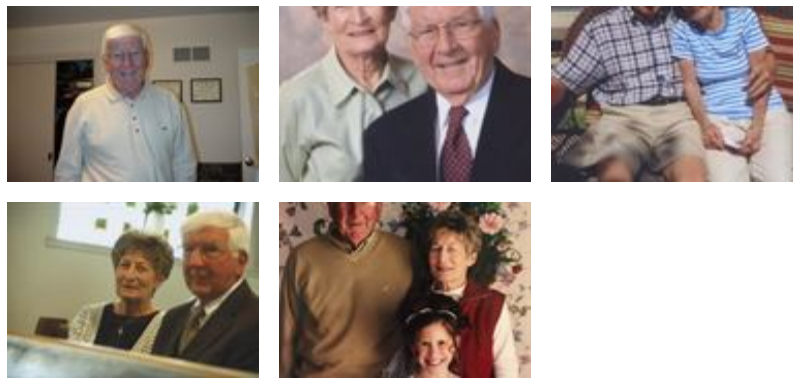
“ Love, The Tulsa Hoefling's purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald O. Hoefling.



Love, The Tulsa Hoefling's - June 10, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ 118 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - June 10, 2018 at 04:33 PM