



Donald J. Keune

March 16, 1931 - August 5, 2022

Donald J. Keune, 91, of Toledo, Ohio passed peacefully in his sleep the morning of Friday, August 5, 2022. He was born on March 16, 1931, in Newberry, Michigan to the late Frederick M. and Florence (McLeod) Keune.

Don was a member of the first graduating class of T.L. Handy High School, Bay City, Michigan in 1949 and attended Bay City Junior College for two years. He received a B.B.A. (1958), J.D. (1960) and M.B.A. (1961) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was a member of the Toledo Estate Planning Council and the Toledo, Michigan and Ohio Bar Associations. Don served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1956 where he was a 1st Lieutenant and F-86 jet fighter interceptor pilot. While only speaking of it in his later years, Don was one of the earlier pilots to break the sound barrier by flying straight down with full afterburners.

He met the love of his life, the former Mary Lou Saulsberry, when she backed into his roommate's car. They were married on January 14, 1956, in her hometown of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

In 1960, after graduating from law school, Don took a position in the Trust Department at the Toledo Trust Company where he worked until retiring in 1977 as a Senior Vice President. He began his practice of trust and estate law at the firm of Marshall Melhorn in Toledo that same year. He subsequently

opened his own law office in 1983. In 1995, he joined the firm of Weber & Sterling and slowly transitioned into full retirement in 2008. During his career, Don served on a number of boards for private companies and for non-profits including 28 years as a Trustee of The Toledo Hospital.

In addition to cherishing time spent with family and friends, he had an appetite for adventure and travel (especially in Michigan and Canada) as well as a love of projects involving carpentry and masonry.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Mary, of 66 years; his daughter Katherine (Peter) Datillo; sons: George (Karen) and Grant (Laura) Keune; and nine grandchildren: Sarah, Anne, William, Lucya, Grayling and Henry Keune and Isabella, Alexander and Nicholas Datillo. He is preceded in death by his sister, Mary Lee Keune, and brother, Frederick M. Keune, Jr.

The family will be remembering and celebrating him in a private service after cremation and upon burial in the Mackinac Island Public Cemetery, Mackinac Island, Michigan. Memorials may be designated for Hospice of Northwest Ohio.