



## Donald J Willets

November 12, 1948 - April 28, 2023

Donald J. Willets, 74, of Lorain, died Friday April 28, 2023 at Mercy New Life Hospice.

He was born November 12, 1948 in Elyria and had resided in Lorain most of his life.

Don graduated from Elyria Catholic High School in 1966 and attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education. He later earned his master's degree from Ashland University.

Don was a long-time teacher in Lorain, having taught science and chemistry at Hawthorne-Boone Elementary School, Lorain High School, and Admiral King High School. He retired after teaching a few years at Elyria Catholic High School.

He was a member of St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Lorain where he ushered during mass, helped make pierogi for the church pierogi sale and participated in the church golf league. Don enjoyed collecting Pez candy dispensers, playing golf, fishing, meeting his friends for breakfast and was an avid Cleveland baseball fan.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years Judy Willets, children Rebecca Krasnevich and Donald Willets, both of Lorain; granddaughters: Grace & Erin Krasnevich; brother Michael Willets (Deborah) of Oberlin and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald B & Jean C Willets (nee Ciechanski).

The family will receive friends Tuesday May 2, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. A mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 1305 E Erie Ave, Lorain. (Please meet at the church) The Rev Edward Smith, pastor, will preside. Cremation will follow.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mercy New Life Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel  
3224 Broadway  
Lorain, OH 44055  
(440) 246-2118  
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com  
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
1305 E Erie Ave  
Lorain, OH 44052  
<http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish>

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. The Ulichney. Mocanaqua Pa

Denny Ulichney - May 27, 2023 at 04:36 PM

GC

“ Had the honor of teaching across the hall from Don. Such a lovely gentle kind and funny man. Very professional. You will be missed. The world is just a little darker.

Gail Conway - May 02, 2023 at 03:33 PM

FH

“ Sending my prayers and love to the willets family. Mr. Willets and Judy where very good to me. I had a lot of fun memories with Mr. Willets, Roger Brownson, and Donny Willets Jr. Who I was good friends with in High School. We all went to Cleveland Cavaliers games together, and I played a lot of Basketball in there driveway with Donny and Mr. Willets:) I am in Oregon or else I would be attending. May God's angels wrap the Willets family in love. I am so sorry for your loss. Donny Willets if you read this my # is 503-409-5176

Floyd Heimann 🙏❤️ Give me a call Donny 😊

Floyd Heimann - May 01, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald J Willets.



May 01, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald J Willets.*



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May 01, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Don was one great man. Will always remember are wonderful times going to West Virginia football games.*

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**Donald Hardman** - April 30, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. You have our sincere condolences. He was great man. We made a lot of great memories at LHS.*

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**Bill&Polly Makinen** - April 30, 2023 at 11:25 AM