



Donald Woodfin Sink

November 10, 1937 - February 7, 2016

Donald "Don" Woodfin Sink, 78, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at his residence. He was born on November 10, 1937 in Salisbury, to the late Woodford Grady Sink and Mary Kathleen Koon Sink. Dr. Sink was a graduate of Wilkesburg High School in PA, received his Bachelor of Science from Catawba College and his PhD from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He was a chemistry professor at Lenoir Rhyne College from 1964-1967 and at the University of Northern Michigan from 1967-1968. Dr. Sink then moved to Appalachian State University, where he spent the remainder of his career as a chemistry professor and the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. He was active in EAA and AFS, Charlotte Philatelic Society, served as president of the American Lung Association and was a member of the American Chemical Society. He was a member at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Donna Stoll Sink; and his brother, Paul Sink. Don is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gwendolyn "Gwen" Sloan Sink; children, Donna Raynor (Alan), Daryl Sink (Jacquelyn), Tamberlyn Blinsink (Steven); brothers, John Sink (Helen), Charles Sink (Rita), Samuel Sink (Judy), Michael Sink (Shelby); and grandchildren, Daulton, Ansley, and Whitley Sink, Dakota Raynor, Sloan, Darby and Malia Blinsink. A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 13 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Ed Crotty officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran

Church, 454 Fieldstone Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Hospice of Iredell
County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Woodfin Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Donald Woodfin Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Donald Woodfin Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Mrs. Sink sorry to hear about Don's passing. I enjoy the many years I new your family as growing up on Farthing St. I will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

John Deas - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gwen and all the family,I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Don Sink. He was so important in my years at Appalachian, so supportive of Women's Studies and my work. And we had Northern Michigan University in common. All my sympathy in these difficult days ahead.*

Maggie McFadden - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I admired Don's contributions as Dean greatly. He gave so much to the University and the community. We send our deep sympathy and prayers. Mary Reichel and Rao Aluri

Mary Reichel - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. We have so many happy memories of the Sink family from our days in Boone. We want you to know that you all are in our thoughts at this time. Joan and Bill Trathen

February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so saddened to learn that Dr. Sink has "gone west." He was always very friendly and especially interested in sharing aviation experiences and knowledge with others. I have fond memories of visiting the Hickory Airport with him, and our many sessions of "hangar flying." His spirit lives on in each of us...may his family find peace and comfort during the coming days...

February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Sue and I were saddened to hear of Don's death. We enjoyed knowing the both of you since we came to ASU in 1972 - both through our university associations as well as being together at Grace Lutheran Church. God bless you, Gwen, and your family as you mourn.

David Mielke - February 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“Gwen and family, Bunk and I were saddened to learn of Don's death. He made wonderful contributions to Appalachian and to Boone during his time there. He will be missed by all his friends and colleagues. We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Nancy Spann - February 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Gwen and family: Carol and I send our deepest sympathies upon hearing of Don's passing. Please know we will surround you folks in prayer!! Our Love, John and Carol Cook

John Cook - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“I was saddened to learn of Don's passing; I always enjoyed working with him when he and I were colleague deans at Appalachian State University; I always found Don to be highly committed to students and to quality. He will be missed. My condolences to Gwen, a wonderful wife and teacher.

Charles Duke - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“Condolences to Callie Rominger and Wanda Howell. Our thoughts and prayers are with this precious family.

Callie Rominger - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“He was a wonderful man and a good friend. We will miss him. Our love and prayers to Gwen and family.

Ron & Kandy Murray - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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February 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to you and your family.*

Jan Rienenrth - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gwen, sending love and prayers to you and our family. Remember lots of good times with you and Don. Much love,*

Maxine Hughes - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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Pat Loftin,

Mooresville, North Carolina

Pat Loftin - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gwen, I was sorry to hear about Don's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. May God be with you and the family.*

Sue Shoemake - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Sink Family, I have a lot of great childhood memories of growing up on Hillcrest Circle, and your family was an important part of that. Some that come to mind include taking care of Bandit when you were out of town, getting to see the actual airplanes that Dr. Sink was rebuilding and just playing in the woods on the top of the hill. Dr. Sink will be missed and your family will be in our prayers during this time. Love Bill Durham

Bill Durham - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwen, Dean and I were saddened to read of Don's death, and extend our sympathy in your loss. The times together at the beach and the lunches are among our treasured memories. We do hope to share your path in the coming months. Dean and Jim Icard, Kannapolis, NC

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February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Many prayers and thoughts of comfort in this time. You raised one smart girl Mr Sink! She is amazing. Grandchildren too May you rest in peace sir.

The Kennedy Knight family - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ *Our condolences and prayers to you and your family at this very sad time. May he rest in peace.*

Ingrid & Frank Schaffer - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our love and prayers are with you all at this time. Will see you soon. Love, Pat and John Essick and Donald Sink*

February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Mrs Sink and family - I am so sorry for your loss. It was a privilege to take care of Don. May you have peace during this time. Nancy, CNA @ Lake Norman*

Nancy Smith - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Love and prayers at this sad time. Hoping to be able to join you on Saturday but if not, know that I am with you in spirit.*

Gina Sink - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM