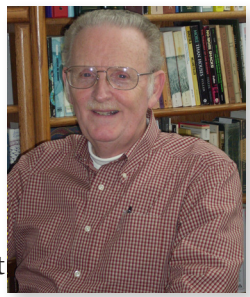
Don Weaver

Clan John (Husband of Kay Munson Weaver)

A Fond Farewell to a TMF Mainstay



Behind many good Munsons, there's a spouse—a spouse who fully digs in and becomes an honorary Munson by volunteering year upon year, to make TMF what it is today. We lost one of these unsung heroes recently. Donald L. Weaver, husband of Kay Munson Weaver, passed away on 15 Sep 2024 at the age of 86.

Beginning with the Thomas Munson Family 350th Anniversary Reunion at Yale University in 1987, Don served TMF in several capacities, interim vice-president, secretary, and TMF historian, an office he thoroughly enjoyed. He initiated the search for female clan heads and introduced a very popular, "Welcome to the Family," certificate for grandparents or other relatives to give to new babies and young children. These two initiatives required hours and hours of research which he loved doing. Because of his hard work, female clan heads today are documented just as prominently alongside our original 16 male clane heads. He was right-hand man for Kay when she served as TMF President 2005-2009. Over the years he was often asked to open TMF meetings with prayer.

Together he and Kay hosted two biennial reunions in Greencastle assisted by Jo and Dan Munson and Susie and Lanny Frazier. In turn he and Kay helped each of these couples host a biennial reunion in Ft. Wayne and New Albany respectively.

Today his legacy continues with daughter, Karen, as secretary of TMF Scholarship Foundation and son, David, as TMFSF scholarship awards chairperson.

Don was born in Galesburg, IL, on 18 Apr 1938, the son of Elizabeth and Paul Weaver. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1959 and followed that up with a master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, in 1961.

Don was an active member of the United Methodist Church for many years, serving with the board of Global Ministries for seven years. He later became an Elder with the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. He was president of the Kiwanis Club in 1990-1991 and helped coordinate fundraising for many years.

His life's work took many roads. He worked as a math teacher for Greenwich High School and taught physics and chemistry at the high school of the College of West Africa in Monrovia, Liberia. He worked in the administrative computing department at NCR Corp., Kettering Medical Center, DePauw University and Union College, in Barbourville, KY, as a systems analyst and also drove commercially. He served as Putnam County Library's mobile library driver, and also as Local History and Genealogy department chair.

Don was an avid stamp collector, railroad enthusiast and traveler. Don and Kay welcomed many people from all walks of life and geographic origins into their lives and their home.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Munson Weaver, his children, Karen, David (Pam) and Randi (Lolita); grandchildren Octavian, Mary, Jaime, and Quentin; Also, their informally adopted children: Liberian daughter, Kiapeh (Henrique) and grandchildren Danu, PT, and Normeni; Japanese daughter, Cosmo (Wansik) and grandchildren Sion, Sharon, and Sarong; and Chinese son, Tom.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and son, Richard Clinton Weaver.

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