



Don Paul Shearer

December 21, 1943 - December 19, 2025

Don Paul Shearer Don Paul Shearer, 81, of Wormleysburg, PA, passed away on December 19, 2025. He was born on December 21, 1943, the son of Paul E. & Jeanne A. Shearer (Hoover), in Harrisburg. As a loving father and grandfather, he is survived by two daughters, Terri Shearer Trenchard (husband George) and Kimber Lee Shearer Maier (husband Peter); four grandchildren: Brady George Trenchard, Katie Lee Trenchard, River Paul Maier and Eva Giselle Maier; a beloved dog, Baylee; numerous cousins in the Hoover family; and three stepdaughters.

Don was a graduate of Cedar Cliff High School and Dickinson College. He was a real estate appraiser and real estate broker for over 50 years serving Central Pennsylvania and was a designated MAI member of The Appraisal Institute. He also served in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. As an appraiser, he specialized in appraisals for litigation assignments and testified as an expert in over 30 counties in Pennsylvania, and in Federal Courts. He is also known for his analysis and report on the impact on real estate of the accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant in 1979.

Don founded and operated the Education Division of Don Paul Shearer, Inc., a state-approved private real estate school from 1976 thru 2018, and taught thousands of real estate appraisers, brokers, and salespersons in numerous locations of Pennsylvania, as well as in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of

Columbia. He also taught real estate courses for Penn State University, Harrisburg Community College, and the University Center of Harrisburg. He was the founder and President of Realty One Associates Inc./REALTOR, is a Past President of the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS (1982), and had been selected as REALTOR of the Year in 1980. He also served as a Director of the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS.

Don was active in politics and served as Chairman of the Young Republicans of Cumberland County, State Chairman of Young Republicans of Pennsylvania from 1970-72, and Republican Committeeman in Wormleysburg in 1970. He served as Campaign Manager for U.S. Congressman George A. Goodling in 1968 and for Henry Hager for Governor in 1978. He was Statewide Campaign Director for former Pa. State Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Pomeroy, Jr. in 1969 and South-Central Campaign Director for U.S. Senator John Heinz in 1976.

He served as President of and was on the Board of the West Shore Historical Society, on the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland County Historical Society, and as a Director and Treasurer of the Camp Hill Jaycees, which also awarded him with a Distinguished Service Award for Community Service. He was selected as One of the Outstanding Young Men of American in 1968.

Don was a devoted son, father, grandfather, stepfather, and friend, who loved dogs, history, politics, beaches, being on the water, and sports. He was an avid reader, loved music, and spending time in Avalon, Key West, Annapolis, exploring the Chesapeake Bay by boat, and Aruba. He also was a lifetime fan of the sports teams of Philadelphia, PA. Don was known for overestimating his abilities and then delivering every time. He would always accomplish what his mind could create.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026; 11AM,

Duke's Riverside, 313 S. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA 17043.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Duke's Riverside Bar & Grill
313 S. Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA 17043

Tribute Wall

“ My deepest sympathy to Don Paul’s daughters, Terri and Kimber, and to his entire family.

I first met Don Paul in 1988 while taking my real estate classes and began working for him shortly thereafter — with the school, as an appraiser’s assistant, and as his general Girl Friday. More than once, I reminded him that he was supposed to be in Lewisburg teaching, while the Pennsylvania State Police seemed to know exactly when “Mr. Shearer’s” little white BMW would be entering Route 11/15 at a rather ambitious rate of speed. Somehow, Don had a built-in radar for their radar, arriving elegantly — if not precisely — on what we all knew as DST: Don Standard Time. I recall only once, maybe twice, that he had to deal with an unpleasant piece of mail from a DJ for playing Speed Racer.

At times, despite being half his age and in my twenties, I felt like a bit of a mother hen to him — especially when he was running it right up against the wire. Those were often the moments when Don would decide it was time to play with the dog.

Misha — the three-legged Irish Setter who never realized she was supposed to have a fourth leg — was remarkable. She could run laps around the backyard pool and, for fun, would chew on a decorative landscaping river rock about the size of my fist as if it were a bone. Her favorite thing, though, was bringing that rock into Don’s office. His face would absolutely light up as he showed me what she had proudly delivered.

So there they were — Misha sprawled on the couch with her rock, Don taking it and giving it back — and there I was, watching them... and the clock. This little game went on for a few minutes, and as usual, I said the inevitable out loud: “Don, she’s going to swallow that rock.”

“No she’s not,” he replied — confidently, as only Don could — having played this game many times before.

I couldn't see Misha from where I was standing, but I will never forget Don's expression when it happened. The look on his face was as if he had swallowed the rock. Stunned. Absolutely stunned. And mind you, he should have been in his car by then, nearing Duncannon, en route to Lewisburg.

Don all but panicked, and I told him, "Just tell me which vet — I'll take her. You call Dee and get to school." Misha hopped off the couch, tail wagging, ready to follow Don anywhere he went — which says everything. Animals always know who they can trust.

Throughout the years, Don helped me in countless ways. During a very long and highly litigious divorce, it felt like me against the world — but I knew that with Don as my appraiser on my properties in Cumberland and Perry Counties and in Renovo, I had my Pit Bull. Nobody messed with Don in court. He was the one person I had absolute faith in through five years of litigation and five attorneys.

More recently, he once again helped me by assisting with pricing my real estate. And in between those times, Don encouraged me to obtain my Certified Pennsylvania Real Property Evaluator license — and later, thoughtfully confirmed my instincts when it was time for me to leave that position.

Don was a fine man.

A great teacher.

A formidable professional.

A wonderful boss.

And a dear friend whom I will deeply miss

RIP DPS.

RMR

Robin Ronemus-Shuler - January 06 at 12:22 PM

FF

“ Faherty Law Firm purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Don Paul Shearer.



Faherty Law Firm - December 26, 2025 at 04:12 PM

FF

“ Faherty Law Firm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Paul Shearer.

Faherty Law Firm - December 26, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Paul Shearer.



December 23, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KC

“ Karin Cannock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Paul Shearer.

Karin Cannock - December 23, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ Terri and Kimber and the entire family, I send my deepest regards and sympathies. Don was a trusted friend and confidant for over 65 years, and we had so many memorable stories to live and tell outside of business. We lived each other's lives and communicated regularly by phone. I never came back to the Harrisburg area without a dinner and drinks with Don. His visit with me and Cindy in Lake George recently is a time I will cherish forever. I am blessed to have had him as a dear friend. Ted Sprinkle

Ted Sprinkle - December 22, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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“ My condolences to Don's family. He was always willing to coach, mentor and share his knowledge, along with great stories and a good laugh.

Matt Madden - December 22, 2025 at 10:38 AM



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Sam Levine - December 21, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ My deep condolences to the family! Like many others, Don was a mentor to me in my career, starting with convincing me to get my real estate sales and brokers license back in 1973. As I transitioned to mortgage banking, Don was the one who convinced me to make that move. While we only got together occasionally in recent years (our annual lunch), I regret not following up in September when he didn't respond to my text. I will always consider Don a friend, and I am so shocked and saddened by this loss. May his memory be forever a blessing! Sam Levine

Sam Levine - December 21, 2025 at 05:35 PM