



## Donald Lee Marietta

July 18, 1955 - August 11, 2019

“You’re never going to believe this shit...”

Donald Lee Marietta, 64, the world’s best storyteller, comedian and a man who never met a stranger, was called to tell his fibs to the Angels on Sunday, August 11th, leaving behind a hell of a lot of stuff his wife and children have no idea what to do with. So if you are looking for a 400lb. antique cash register, a 100 year old washing machine with 2” of dust on it, 25 Log Cabin collector’s edition syrup bottles, or a 100 year old record player he bought at a flea market for \$300 that didn’t work, you should wait the appropriate amount of time and get in touch. Tomorrow would be fine.

Beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and best friend to everyone else, has left us with a lifetime of stories, which may or may not be entirely true. Don would take a factual event and add a little bit of spice to it, also known as the “Marietta Stories,” which he loved to repeat often.

Don’s happy place was helping others, as long as he was in charge. As a skilled carpenter, Don left his mark on many homes, creating and building beautiful surroundings for his family. If you left him at home alone for too long or if he had a key to your house, you may have come home to something “extra special” he decided to surprise you with, but it was always beautiful and meaningful.

His regrets were few, but included the amount of Sam’s Club hot dogs he consumed, and not having the time to take his favorite father-in-law to cross glass skywalk over the Grand Canyon.

As a corrugated industry expert for over 40 years, Don was known for his immense knowledge who never led a boring meeting. As a matter of fact, just so you all know, he is still planning on attending that meeting this Thursday. He always made sure that every employee felt just as important as the other. His extensive vocabulary was more than highly proficient at knowing more curse words than most people learned in a lifetime.

Don was a self-proclaimed master chef in the kitchen; in fact, he told his friends that his wife had the best old family recipe for homemade ravioli (which never existed by the way). In all honesty, he could whip up a mean lasagna, chicken noodle soup and roasted chicken.

He leaves behind a dysfunctional family that he was very proud of. He is survived by his mother, Betty Lieb, sister, Donna O'Donnell, brother, Rick Marietta, Wife, Jessica Marietta, Daughters, Tami Bradish (Mike), Chrissy Coluccio (Dave), Sons, Joe, Timmy and Jake, grandkids, Leighann, Dante, and Dominic, including many other extended family members, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Don shared his discomfort at the idea of people "gawking at me as I lay in a coffin. So instead of going to see the great creator, I will be going to see the great cremator. I am at peace and no longer in pain"

"You can't make this shit up..."

# Events

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**AUG**   **Celebration of Life**   04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Fenton Location

777 Oakwood (at Hwy 141), Fenton, MO, US, 63026

# Comments

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“ I had a short stint at WestRock and Don was my friend from the beginning. He was fun to talk to but he also knew the business like no one else. Every interaction with Don was a learning lesson and a good laugh. He will be missed by everyone that knew him and considered him a friend. He was a gift to all of us. God bless. Prayers of healing and strength to his family and friends.

**Lisa Thys** - August 19, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ Thank you so much. These comments are so heartwarming.

**Jessica Walker** - September 24, 2019 at 12:57 PM

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“ My deepest condolences and prayers. I have had the privilege of knowing Don for the past 4 years through WestRock. He was always kind, a time model, a professional, and became a friend from the start... He loved to laugh and always provide great support to his co-workers ... I will miss him and all of his sage advice...

**James Conaway** - August 15, 2019 at 07:44 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Don Klejnot** - August 14, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Awe, he loved you and Laura!!

**Jessica Walker** - September 24, 2019 at 01:00 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jessica and her family don was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor

patrick and lori courtney - August 13, 2019 at 07:25 PM

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“ I only met Don once and that was when we were all in Mexico. He definitely left a mark on my heart with his charming personality. I am glad that I had that opportunity to meet him and I am so sorry for the loss of this great man. You are in my thoughts and prayer for comfort knowing he is no longer suffering.

Nikki Faith - August 13, 2019 at 04:19 PM

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“ By far the most uplifting obituary I've ever read. You don't expect to chuckle when reading one, but I did just that. I truly feel the measure of an amazing person is the lasting effect they have on other people. Don clearly lacked nothing in showmanship, character (and my personal favorite....comedy). His storytelling, friendship and amazing collection of "collectibles" can live on through all that love him. Prayers for his wonderful family that are left behind here on this earth. May you all find peace and comfort as you look back on all the priceless moments and memories you've shared together.

Cheryl Rossi - August 13, 2019 at 03:54 PM

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“ I don't think I have ever read a more fitting obituary than this! Don and his humor will definitely be missed by many.

sheri - August 13, 2019 at 01:08 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 13, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ I had the privilege of knowing Don for a short 5 year span. I always thought there was something special about the man. He may not have known it at the time but he had a major impact on my life and he's a big part of why I am where I am today. Like many others I enjoyed his stories. They made everyone laugh. He was a good man, father, and husband. I wish his whole family comfort during this most difficult time. He will be missed. Thanks for everything Don.

Eric D

**Eric Dres** - August 13, 2019 at 06:06 AM

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“ I have had the privilege to know Don and his family for 20 years and worked with him daily for half of it. What a time we had together...and the stories he could tell and the memories we had together. Concerts, cookouts, sporting events, golfing, fishing, the love of the Philly sport teams.

Words can not express what his friendship will always mean to me and the sorrow I feel...I loved him as an older brother. He was truly one of a kind, will never be forgotten and missed tremendously!

May God embrace and comfort us all in the loss of Don...RIP my friend, you will always be a part of me.

Don Klejnot

**Don Klejnot** - August 12, 2019 at 09:58 PM

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“ Don & Laura Klejnot purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



**Don & Laura Klejnot** - August 12, 2019 at 04:12 PM

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“ My condolences to you and your family. May peace come for you all. You all are in my prayers.

LaTanya Blevins - August 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ Tony, Ann, Barbara, J.T., & Jamie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



Tony, Ann, Barbara, J.T., & Jamie - August 12, 2019 at 12:11 PM

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“ My deepest thoughts and condolences are with Don's family. I had the pleasure of working with Don for some 3+ years at SUN Automation and continued our friendship after his departure. What stands out to me is his charismatic charm. Prior to working at SUN, Don worked for most of his 44 years in box plant management. When hired, we were unsure if these skills would translate to selling equipment. To our surprise, Don morphed into a tremendous salesman offering immense value to his customers. Don had great skills as an orator and presented with confidence in combination of his incredible modesty and humor.  
Thanks Don for being part of my life. I will miss our conversations. R.I.P.  
Frank Reynolds

Frank Reynolds - August 12, 2019 at 11:41 AM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 12, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ Laura Bunkowfst purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



Laura Bunkowfst - August 12, 2019 at 09:41 AM

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“ Don always had a story to tell and always made you laugh. I really enjoyed working for him at Pratt Industries. Don will truly be missed. I wish his family my sympathy for their loss, it was an honor to know him.

Laura Bunkowfst

Laura Bunkowfst - August 12, 2019 at 09:23 AM

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“ Russ & Kalicia Lawrimore purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



Russ & Kalicia Lawrimore - August 12, 2019 at 08:40 AM

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“ I had the pleasure and honor to work with Don at SUN Automation Group. He frequently shared during our travels together his passionate love for Jess and Jake and I am lifting them in pray as they grieve their loss. I had great admiration for Don and his love for people and the industry. He will be truly missed.

With Deep Sympathy,

Greg Jones

Gregory A Jones - August 12, 2019 at 07:55 AM

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“ Don was a class act. Kind, smart and always willing to learn and teach. A gentleman and a loss for our company and our industry.

**Jay Kaplan** - August 12, 2019 at 07:31 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 11, 2019 at 09:53 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 11, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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“ Don was a gift to everyone he worked with. He was a good mentor and I had the highest respect for him. His sensibility and humor will be missed.

**John Dellinger** - August 11, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Marietta family during this incredibly difficult time. Don was and will always be remembered by me and all who had the pleasure of working with him as an honest, hard working friend. He will be missed. Rest in peace

**Karsten Jordan** - August 11, 2019 at 08:54 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Don as a peer at WestRock. Absolutely one of the best people I've ever met. Don is Knowledgeable, charismatic and funny!! Really enjoyed every time we were together.

I'll never forget when Don reached out to me about his diagnosis as I had a similar situation a few years earlier. I'm saddened to hear of Don's passing and I pray for his family and friends. He will be greatly missed

**Jerry Roberts** - August 11, 2019 at 08:36 PM

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“ I worked with Don for a short eleven months while we were employed by a small independent in Elkhart, IN. I was able to introduce Don to WestRock a few years ago as a Regional Manufacturing Manager. I will always have the utmost respect for Don's work ethic and tremendous sense of humor. He had the greatest one-liners..."Hook a chain to it and drag it out of there" if a piece of equipment wasn't performing well. I owe Don a world of Thanks for all that he did for me and fellow employees during our short time together.

RIP Don,  
Dave Rae

**Dave Rae** - August 11, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Thank you so much. Yes my husband had some great one liners. "that will knock a buzzard off a shit-wagon". He also liked to tell you a story that would have you hanging on to every word and the end of the story was always "and then they started pulling my leg, like I'm pulling yours now" lol

**Jessica Walker** - September 24, 2019 at 01:03 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 11, 2019 at 06:20 PM

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“ Don was one of my best friends in the whole world and the best brother in law anyone could ask for! He stepped in right after my divorced and helped me with my yard work, house repairs, and getting my house ready for sale. He insisted on checking out every new condo I looked at with a fine tooth comb. He helped me to remodel my entire new condo and never complained. He had his own key and every time I came home from work, he was waiting for me on the front porch and said “let’s go look at what I did today for you.. I think you’re gonna love it.” he always had a perfect sense of decorating. He made my new condo way better than I ever expected! For that I will always be grateful. I loved him like a brother. He loved my kids like they were his own in every way possible too. He took care of my sister and nephew and made sure they were always happy and laughing. There was a never a dull moment with Don and he left us all with so many memories that will keep us all laughing for a lifetime.



**Jenn Vanelli** - August 11, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Don’s immediate and extended family. May the wonderful memories you have of him help carry you through the difficult times. Peace and love to all.

**Chris Sedlmayr** - August 11, 2019 at 05:09 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 11, 2019 at 04:53 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Marietta.



August 11, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ We are sorry to hear of Don's passing and will be praying for you Jess & Jake and the family. Love you Dickie & Sharon



**Sharon Walker** - August 11, 2019 at 03:13 PM