

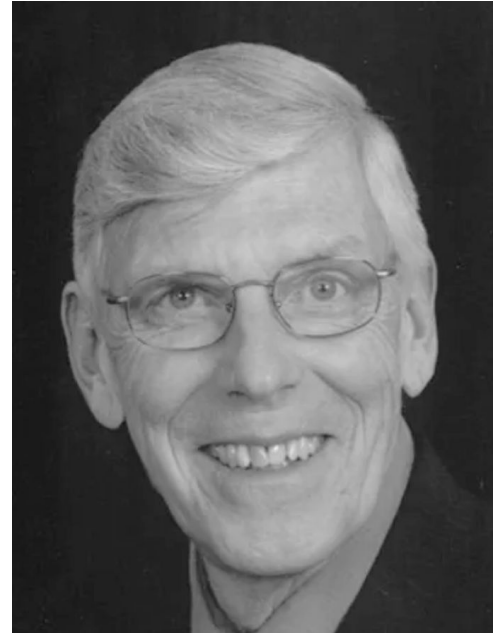
STAINED GLASS DONATION

DONALD OWEN HEIMLICH

In memory of Donald Owen Heimlich, his wife Maryann has donated many art supplies to the Galion High School Art Department this school year. They had three children, Kimberly, Christopher and Matthew, all who attended GHS, as well as Maryann in the Class of 1959.

Donald was in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, he was on the U.S.S Toro Submarine. Don was a barber by trade, owning two shops. After retiring from that he worked at GM in Ontario, OH. He would however still go to hospitals and homes, to give a friend a haircut and a lift.

Don moved to Galion in 1963, and was a very civic minded member of the community. Very active in his church, where he did a measure of campaigning, was the treasurer of Knights for twenty years, and managed the church's activity center for twenty-two years. He was a supporter of the booster club, the head of one of the events for the original pickle run festival. He also volunteered for the Galion YMCA for many years. Don was very active in planting and maintaining the flower beds at Heise Park, where he laid pavers around both beds.



His hobbies included, gardening, building flower beds and ponds full of lilies and fish, wood working and completing various crafts and stained glass work, as well as, building bird houses out of the gourds he grew. He would complete stained glass windows for his family and friends.

In his family, two of his children were athletes and one had a special talent within the arts. Knowing that is is expensive to get materials for the arts for learning experiences in school. This brought them to their decision to donate, his gourds for bird houses, etc.. Some slate from the Family Farm House for painting and other projects, and stained glass materials, tools and machines. Galion was able to take in over a hundred pieces of stained glass, tables, saws and grinders to create new artwork experiences for the kids.

Don would have been pleased to know he was able to donate approximately 5,000 dollars worth of stained glass supplies and various other materials for the betterment of our students education.

With the Heimlich's gracious donation, students were able to explore new art making techniques during the school year, opening up new opportunities for creativity. We thank them for welcoming new art making into our classrooms!

