

August 2009

To : Martins Ferry Library , Martins Ferry, Ohio
From : Belmont County DOD/CIC
RE: Don Myers /Memorial Donation

With the early loss of our friend and mentor Don Myers, we all struggle to find the best ways to remember him and honor his service to our area. There is no way we can fill the void he left. We all realize the positive impact his life had on the lives of so many, and how he enjoyed being with us.

In remembrance of a life lived well, we would like to make a donation of \$500 to his hometown library.

We know the challenges faced by libraries in these stressful economic times but their value can never be allowed to diminish. While the sum can never match Don's energy and impact, we are glad to contribute to keeping some of that value in place as the library purchases books in Don's name.

It is heartwarming to be reminded that he would love the thought of people still reaching out to him through the books they read; that he will continue touching the lives of those who hold the books. Having his name in those volumes will serve as a continuing reminder (and inspiration to future readers, curious to know more about the name memorialized) of how one life does make a difference. It makes us smile to think of Don smiling on those readers.

We thank Keith Sommer and Yvonne Myers for their guidance in this decision, and wish the library success in choosing the books.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, this check is delivered with bittersweet feelings but in the spirit of hope Don had for this Valley. His legacy continues in what he accomplished.....and what will be accomplished as future ideas are encouraged to grow and thrive through the guidance of the library services.

Sincerely,

Sue Douglass

Executive Director