

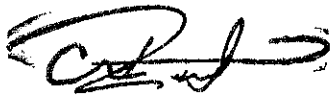
It is with great sadness, but also solace that we announce the passing of Donald Neisler. Sadness because of our own personal feelings of loss over Don's passing, but solace and joy in the knowledge and belief that Don's soul has been lifted up by the loving hands of the God he served, bringing an end to the final chapter of his earthly life and beginning a new chapter in his heavenly home.

An individual made the following statement: "The measure of a life is not in its *duration* but in its *donation*."

When we think of Don's donation... what he contributed... what he invested... we have much to be thankful for!!!

- Consider the investments of love and devotion that he made in his marriage with June.
- Consider the investments of godliness and nurturing that Don made in the lives of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- Consider the investments of the Word of God that Don introduced into the lives of so many people... not only members of the church he pastored, but all the people, including the citizens of Athens, that he poured his life into.
- Consider the investments Don made serving the country he loved as a sailor in the United States Navy.
- Consider the investments Don made to the City of Athens as both Treasurer and then Mayor.

Don's love of life and eternal, persistent optimism should serve as an inspiration to all who knew him. As both a neighbor and friend to Don, I know I have been inspired. Godspeed my friend, until we meet again.



Mayor Chris Reichert

City of Athens