

## Donald A. Gedert

Jan. 12, 1936 -  
May 20, 2025

Donald Anthony Gedert, 89, passed away peacefully at home in Cloverdale following a brief illness.

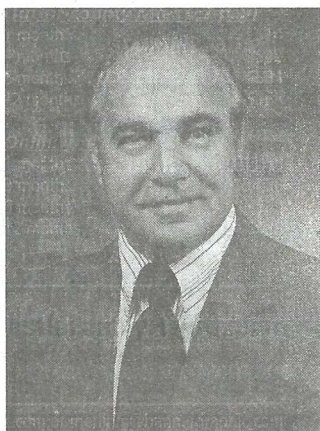
He was born Jan. 12, 1936, to Raymond and Dorothy (Schmitt) in Toledo, Ohio.

He was married to Kathryn L. Berry on July 9, 1955, while he was in the Army.

His sales career included autos, insurance and affordable housing for local families. In 1967, he began Ottawa Instant Homes. He was the president of the Indiana Manufactured Housing Association in 1978. In 1989, he became the sole developer of Stardust Hills.

Outside of work, his main interest was cars, including restoring classic ones. He was an Indy Car fan and attended 60 Indy 500 races. He was part owner of Lincoln Park Speedway for several years.

Don is survived by Kay; children, T/Don (Catherine) Gedert Jr., Lisa Gedert, Linda (Greg) Hallaman and Ray (Ellen) Gedert; grandchildren Tony Gedert, Max (Caitlin) Beatty, Jackson (Molly) Beatty, Jacob (Michael) Stromatt, Joseph Stromatt,



Josh (Caitlyn) Stromatt, Matthew (Shaunna) Briggs and Alison Briggs; four great-grandchildren; sister Mary Jean (Tom) McCarty; and brother Francis (Mary Ellen) Gedert.

He was preceded in death by brothers Raymond, Michael, Thomas, Charles, Richard, Edward and Dale and sisters Kathleen, Beatrice and Michelle.

Calling hours and visitation will be Friday, May 23 from 4-8 p.m. at Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 24 at noon at St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Putnam County Foundation.