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CANTON, OHIO : For nearly 60 years, Printz Florist has been the heart of Stark County's most cherished moments: from wedding bouquets that take a bride's breath away to sympathy arrangements that bring comfort during life's most difficult seasons. Now, Jack and Tammy Plastow, the beloved stewards of this Canton institution, are announcing their intention to retire and pass the torch to a new owner who will honor the legacy they've built.

This is not a closing. This is an invitation.

If you're considering [what it takes to successfully transition a legacy business](#), Printz Florist represents exactly the kind of opportunity that defines "exit vs. close": a thriving business with deep community roots, a loyal customer base, and a team ready to continue serving Canton families for generations to come.

The Announcement: A New Chapter for a Canton Institution

After more than four decades of helping Canton residents speak the "Language of Love" through flowers, Jack Plastow and his wife Tammy have made the decision that every dedicated business owner eventually faces: **it's time to find the right person to carry the legacy forward.**

"This isn't about walking away," Jack shared. "It's about making sure Printz Florist continues to serve this community the way it always has. We've been part of Canton's weddings, funerals, birthdays, and 'just because' moments since 1965. That doesn't end with our retirement: it continues with the right successor."

The Plastows are seeking what they call a "caretaker": not just a buyer, but someone who understands that Printz Florist is woven into the fabric of Stark County life.



From 1965 to Today: Three Generations of Floral Excellence

The Founding Years (1965)

Tammy's parents, Ferd and Barb Printz, opened the doors in 1965. Located at **3724 12th Street Northwest**, just south of the beloved Meyers Lake, the shop was founded on a simple but powerful belief: flowers are the language we use when words alone cannot express our deepest emotions.

From that first year, Printz Florist established itself as more than a flower shop. It became a place where Canton families turned to celebrate births, honor the departed, and express love in all its forms.

The Second Generation: Jack and Tammy Printz-Plastow Take the Helm (1984)

In 1984, Jack Plastow: a Canton native educated at Timken Vocational and McKinley High School: acquired the business and began what the company proudly calls its "second generation."

Before taking over, Jack had gained invaluable industry experience at Canton Wholesale Floral, giving him intimate knowledge of the floral supply chain and relationships with growers that would prove essential to Printz's continued success.

Tammy began working in her parents' business as early as she can remember and transitioned to a full-time role in 1980. In 1984, she and Jack purchased the company from Tammy's mother.

Under Jack and Tammy's leadership, Printz Florist transformed from a respected local shop into a true Canton institution. His philosophy? *"I can help YOU speak the 'Language of Love'!!!"*

The Third Generation: Mandi Plastow Joins (2019)

In February 2019, the legacy entered its third generation when Amanda "Mandi" Plastow, Jack and Tammy's daughter-in-law, joined as co-owner. A Kent State University alumna with Dean's List honors, Mandi brought fresh energy and modern business sensibilities while honoring the traditions that made Printz a household name.

As life evolved, Mandi embraced marriage and family life, continuing to lend her talents to the business in a part-time role.

The "Language of Love" Philosophy

What separates Printz Florist from national chains and online delivery services isn't just quality: it's philosophy.

Every arrangement that leaves the 12th Street shop carries a message. Whether it's a bride's bouquet that captures her vision perfectly or a sympathy arrangement that honors a life well-lived, the Printz team understands they're not just selling flowers. They're facilitating human connection during life's most significant moments.

As one long-time customer perfectly summarized: **"For any occasion, I always call Jack at Printz Florist."**

This sentiment, echoed by thousands of Stark County families over six decades, captures what makes this business irreplaceable: and why the Plastows are determined to find a successor who shares their values.



What Makes Printz Florist a Stark County Treasure

An Exceptional Team

While Jack and Tammy lead the business, Printz Florist's excellence is a team effort. The shop employs talented floral designers, including the highly-praised and long-time lead designer, whose work consistently earns customer accolades.

"The lead designer is awesome. I have received many gorgeous arrangements from Printz Florist."

The delivery drivers also receive consistent praise for their professionalism and care: an often-overlooked detail that speaks to the culture Jack has built.

Creative Excellence and Custom Design

Printz Florist offers more than 30 different kinds of flowers and specializes in creating what they call "The Stuff Your Dreams Are Made Of." But what truly distinguishes them is their willingness to customize.

One customer shared: *"I have provided them with doodads that I have wanted included in my arrangements and they always make it work!"*

Reliable Same-Day and Premium Delivery

In a world where timing matters as much as the gift itself, Printz offers both same-day delivery and "premium delivery" for when flowers absolutely must arrive immediately. This reliability has earned trust from customers near and far: many who have moved away from Canton continue using Printz exclusively for deliveries to loved ones back home.

Deep Community Roots

On neighborhood networks like Nextdoor, Canton residents enthusiastically recommend Printz as "the best!" When families need flowers for weddings, funerals, or everyday celebrations, they turn to a shop that has likely served their parents: and possibly their grandparents.

The Vision: Finding the Right Caretaker

Jack and Tammy aren't looking for just any buyer. They're seeking someone who:

1. **Understands legacy preservation** : This is a business built on relationships spanning decades
2. **Values the existing team** : Designer Sue and the staff are essential to continued success
3. **Commits to the Canton community** : Printz has always championed buying local
4. **Appreciates the craft** : Floral design is an art, not just a transaction

5. **Can ensure a seamless transition** : Customers should notice nothing but continued excellence

"We want our customers to feel the same care they've always felt when they call Printz," Tammy explained. "That's what matters most to us."



How to Inquire About This Opportunity

To protect the privacy of employees, customers, and ongoing operations, all inquiries regarding the potential acquisition of Printz Florist are being handled confidentially through:

Jonny Dallas, Broker

Transworld Business Advisors of Canton

Your Canton Business Exit Partner – Confidential Valuations & Transition Planning

Serious inquiries from qualified buyers who share the Plastows' vision for legacy preservation are welcome. The process is designed to be respectful of all parties while ensuring the right match for this iconic Canton business.

For more information about this opportunity, visit the [Printz Florist listing](#) or [contact our team directly](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Is Printz Florist closing?

Absolutely not. Jack and Tammy Plastow are retiring, but their explicit goal is to find a successor who will continue operating Printz Florist and serving the Stark County community.

Why are the Plastows selling now?

After more than 40 years of dedicated service, Jack and Tammy have earned the opportunity to enjoy retirement. They're being proactive about succession planning to ensure a smooth transition: exactly the approach we recommend in our guide on [what to do when considering selling your Stark County business](#).

What makes this opportunity attractive for buyers? Printz Florist offers nearly 60 years of brand equity, a loyal multi-generational customer base, an experienced team in place, established vendor relationships, and a prime Canton location near Meyers Lake.

FAQ'S (Cont.)

Will employees be retained?

The Plastows strongly prefer a buyer committed to retaining the existing team, including the lead designer and other key staff members who are essential to the business's continued success.

How can I learn more while maintaining confidentiality?

All inquiries are handled discreetly through Jonny Dallas at Transworld Business Advisors of Canton. Qualified buyers should be prepared to demonstrate their financial capability and genuine interest in preserving the Printz legacy. Learn more about [the confidentiality process and what buyers need to provide](#).

A Canton Treasure Seeks Its Next Chapter

From its founding in 1965 through Jack and Tammy's 1984 acquisition and the third-generation leadership of Mandi Plastow, Printz Florist has served Stark County with unwavering commitment to quality, creativity, and community.

As one customer who moved across the country wrote: *"Living across the country from family and friends, I am happy to support a local business from my hometown. Printz is the absolute best!"*

That loyalty: built over 60 years, through thousands of weddings, funerals, celebrations, and everyday moments; represents something rare in today's business landscape. It represents legacy.

The Plastow family isn't closing a chapter. They're opening a new one.

And somewhere in Stark County: or perhaps just beyond: is the right person to write it!

