



## Donald "Don" Wayne Rosson

November 20, 1956 - May 21, 2020

Donald W. Rosson was born on November 20, 1956 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to William (Bill) and Delores Gibson Rosson.

After graduating from Antlers High School in 1976, Don attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, OK. While in Durant, he met Lavenia Jeffcoat and they were married on June 3, 1978 in Bokchito, OK.

Donald joined the Arkansas Army National Guard in 1987. While serving his country, he received many medals and ribbons including two Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal seven times, the Army Good Conduct Award three times, the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. He also received the Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service ribbon, the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification badge with the rifle bar, and Marksman Marksmanship Qualification badge with Grenade bar.

Don was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, he grew an amazing garden every year, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Rosson entered his eternal rest on May 21, 2020 at home surrounded by family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lavenia Rosson of the home; devoted son Joey and his wife Kari of Antlers; two grandchildren, Shaun and Sophie Rosson; mother, Delores Rosson; sisters, Ollie May Golden and Cindy Davis; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by a son, Donnie A. Rosson; father Bill Rosson; and grandparents Argus and Eva Rosson and Douglas and Lena Gibson.

Graveside services to honor Don's life will be held 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Bokchito Cemetery, his final resting place with Brother Tim Owen officiating. Serving as pallbearers are Terry Duncan, Jerry Duncan, Billy Sam Smith, James Campbell, Thomas Rutherford and John Hancock. The family will accept friends Monday evening from 5:00

PM – 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [brownsfuneralservice.com](http://brownsfuneralservice.com)

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Bokchito Cemetery

Bokchito, OK,

**MAY** **Family Hour** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70, Durant, OK, US, 74701

**MAY** **Graveside Service**02:00PM

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Bokchito Cemetery  
Bokchito, OK, US

# Comments

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“ There’s not one memory of Donald Wayne that’ stands out as better or more special to me. I love and cherish every memory that works it’s way back to the forefront of my mind. He was shy but not around me. He was funny and full of orneriness. He and I would scheme together to play tricks or scare the other kids. When we got together we were bad. Playing jokes, teasing, hiding things and yes sneaky. Smoking grapevine, hiding from the other kids and hiding things from them. He taught me how to identify good skipping stones. He was the cousin closest to my age being 1-year, 3-months my junior and he was also one of my best friends. I loved him then, now and forever. I cannot be at his memorial nor funeral but I know he understands. Someday we will climb trees, swing, laugh, and be together again. Until then, sleep well my cousin, my buddy, my friend.

**Valerie Jo Robinson Bestland** - May 24, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ When I was a kid I came to visit Uncle Bill and Aunt Dee and antlers at their house all us kids would play out in the yard after dark playing hide and seek or catching fireflies it was such a special time in our lives as kids. I love the memories of all us cousins playing together.

**PJ Parsons** - May 24, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ When Donnie Wayne would come to Chaffee in Ft. Smith in the summers to do Army reserve maneuvers, he would come visit me. This was 1991, 1992. He would tell me funny stories of the stuff they had to do in training and share some MREs with me! One time, he made me and Matthew some dog tags. I loved those dog tags through the years because my cousin Donnie Wayne made them for me. I still have them. They are more precious to me now. He always was so generous. He wrote me a letter last Christmas. That was the first time I learned he had cancer. I will always cherish his letter to me. In all the years I've been sending Christmas letters to my family, Donnie Wayne and Aunt Ada were the o es who have written letters to me. That's so special to me.

**PJ Parsons** - May 24, 2020 at 03:20 PM

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“ I remember when we were kids and it was deer hunting season, Uncle Bill and Donnie Wayne would come to Ma's and Pa's place in Ozark, Arkansas. I wanted to be like him and go deer hunting, too! But I didn't get to go. I just loved seeing my cousins from Antlers and Aunt Dee and Uncle Bill. Donnie Wayne was the only boy at deer season in a house full of girl cousins plus his sisters. He would get si flustered when we teased him. He so so so shy, he would turn beet red whenever one of the girls would joke with him. I was shy too, so I knew how he felt! I will miss him very much.

**PJ Parsons** - May 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ Muckelrath Family. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald "Don" Wayne Rosson.



**Muckelrath Family.** - May 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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“ I'll miss this young man !!! I'm in shock for Red as I called him. He was a good man.

**James L. Moon**

**James Moon** - May 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ My prayers for Delores & family, so sorry for your loss

**Cora Downey** - May 23, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Well this is Dons oldest sister . We were rotten growing up . All mean to Cindy our baby sister . I would like to be there today but IAM not feeling so Hot . But I like to remember the good old memories and all the good times. I don't do sad so we'll . But gonna miss him. And iam praying for my best friend and my only mother God give her strength to get threw this her only son and her oldest child. But mom is strong and I know she will b ok. She has had it really hard since daddy passed . Love her so much

**Ollie & Rodger Golden** - May 25, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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May 22, 2020 at 03:25 PM