



Donald Elmore

July 26, 2016

Donald Lee Elmore, was born November 4, 1933 in Sharon, Oklahoma to Merle and Stella (Kreiger) Elmore. After a long battle with cancer, he passed away at his home in Kingston, OK on July 26, 2016.

Don graduated from Sharon High School in 1951, and was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Pauline Moore on June 18, 1985 and lived in Norman, OK until they retired on Lake Texoma in Kingston, OK. Don owned and operated Oliver's Shoe Stores for over 30 years in Norman and Woodward. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and fished the circuit for years. He was also a loyal O.U. football and Texas Rangers baseball fan. He was a devoted husband, and he loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart.

Don leaves behind his wife, Pauline of the home; son, Donnie (Jill) of Cherokee, OK; daughters, Debi Whitworth (Sam) of Mustang, OK, Dana Saeger (Stan) of Enid, OK; step-daughters, Vicki Fournoy and Patricia Delacova (Alex); 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Friday, July 29, 2016 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant with Pastor Kerry Freeman officiating. A private interment will take place in N. Permission Hill Cemetery in Sharon, OK.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123; or to any Hospice of your choice.

Condolences may be registered to www.brownsfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

JUL **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Elmore*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

JC

“ I was fortunate enough in the Fall of 1983 to walk into Oliver's Shoe Store at 526 W Main in Norman. Interestingly I am currently the same age that Don was in 1983. Back then, I was a new freshman at OU and straight out of money after being at OU for a few months. I put on the best outfit that I had and started looking for a job. My experience had been shoveling manure and flipping burgers in Harrah during high school. I was able to meet Don that day...after we talked for a while, he told me that he did not have a job for me right that moment but I could stop back by in a few months. I knew for sure I would come back in a few months, since I could tell Don and his crew were great people. Guess he figured I never would...but, after three months of flipping more burgers at McDonalds in Norman I went back down to talk to Don to see if there may be an opening for a stockboy...and fortunately enough for me...Don gave me a chance. Little did I know that being hired by Don and being fortunate enough to be surrounded by the Ladies of Oliver's Shoes for the next four years would be able to provide some motherly and fatherly support and stability as I navigated the crazy world of college. Don taught me all about the art of talking to customers and the persistence helping them find a pair of nice shoes that would work for them. He was ever so thorough to think about his entire stock of shoes and match the right pair for that customer. Little did I know that this would be the training ground for me to learn how to interact public, to look folks in the eyes and give them a big smile. Don always had a smile on his face, especially when he was headed back from the drug store next door after a nice refreshing soda or shake and for sure after a customer left with store with a great pair of shoes that they could be proud of...of course Don was excited to move those shoes and make the cash register ring as well!!!

I appreciate the wonderful opportunity to have comraderie with a great group people and have been always proud of working at Oliver's Shoes In Norman. I have shared my shoe selling and shoe stocking experience with people my entire career.

*Don, I will always have very fond memories of my time as a stockboy and salesman to the college co-eds during my time at OU
Thank you again*

*Johnny Custer
Owasso, Oklahoma
Oliver's Shoe Store--Norman
1984-1988*

Johnny Custer - July 31, 2016 at 11:00 PM



“ *Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Elmore.*



July 29, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *For thirty years plus I was an employee of Don at Oliver's Shoe Store in Norman. He was always considerate and good to his employees and our families. Over that many years instead of Boss and employee we were more like brother and sister. Upon my 30th year, Don presented me with a watch with 28 diamond chips and said he couldn't find one with 30 chips. He also took an old fitting stool like we use to sit on to fit shoes and had the seat reupholstered and had a plaque placed on it with my name, how many years I had worked and his name. I still treasure that. Needless to say, he was a wonderful Boss and friend.
Sincerely,
Francine Barnard
Norman, Oklahoma*

Francine Barnard - July 29, 2016 at 01:21 PM

AM

“ *The first time Papa Don Don took his Great Grandchildren on the boat.... The memories made that day my children will cherish forever. My youngest, Maddux Morton, says this is one of his favorite days! He loved his Don Don!! And thanks to Don Don, he loves the lake, fishing & boats!! Sure glad my children got to meet & spend time with this great man!*



Aly Morton - July 29, 2016 at 08:13 AM

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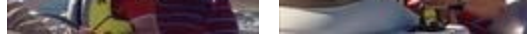
“ *Life is short, as we have all heard and learned. But man, it sure can be a tough lesson... Just a few days ago I was sitting and talking with my grandpa, now he is gone. He is in peace, no longer sick & hurting, loving his new home in heaven. I can say, I have many good memories with him that I will always cherish!! From his shoe store in Norman and the memories made at the Lake. He knew my passion for shoes, he always kept me in style with the latest and greatest shoe for school. He taught me how to be an honest & patient salesman, as he was always wheeling & dealing!! I will ALWAYS remember the week I worked along his side in the shoe store. He said, I was a natural, I could sell any shoes to anyone!! I learned from the best!! R.I.P. Shoeman, We Love & Miss you!*

Aly Morton - July 29, 2016 at 08:03 AM

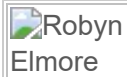
MG

“ Tuesday morning around 5:15am my Papa Don took his last breath. He was diagnosed with lung cancer back in June. I was by his side at his appointments hoping we would both be victorious in our battles against cancer. Two weeks ago we learned and accepted that his battle would have a different outcome than mine. He saw my two daughters for the last time on July 15th. We had a good visit. They told him they loved him as he told them to come back and see Don Don (that was their name for him) again soon. His health rapidly declined his last 10 days. I was able to spend time with him on Monday, and I knew his struggle and pain would be over soon. There are several things I will always remember about my Papa Don. When I was little, I always looked forward to going to the shoe store he owned in Norman to pick out my shoes. I remember climbing in the display windows, the balloons that came in almost every color with the cat face and ears, and going through the curtains back into the stockroom and getting turned around in the maze of shoeboxes stacked from the floor to the ceiling. I always left with many pairs, and I still have several of them in my closet today. I know his great granddaughter Emma (my daughter) will carry on his love for shoes. He has always been a fisherman. He fished many tournaments on the circuit. He has the trophies and a few fish mounted on the wall to show his accomplishments. When it came time for retirement, he made his home on Lake Texoma. I have memories of us going out on the lake in his many boats..cause he traded boats more often than he traded his cars or trucks. He made great barbecue, and loved sharing it with his family. Tuesday evening when I crossed the lake on my way home, it was a beautiful and breathtaking view, and the lake was perfect for fishing. I knew he was at that beautiful lake in the sky reeling them in and having a great time. The last time Don Don took his great granddaughters Ashlyn and Emma (daughters of Mandi and granddaughters of Debi Elmore Whitworth) out in the boat on Lake Texoma after a great family barbecue. We love you Papa Don.





Mandi Griffin - July 29, 2016 at 12:47 AM



“ *Duke meeting Papa Don and Grandma Pauline for the first time*



Robyn Elmore - July 28, 2016 at 10:14 PM

YD

“ *Your LMB Team - Christa, Robert, Adriane, Denise purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Elmore.*



Your LMB Team - Christa, Robert, Adriane, Denise - July 28, 2016 at 05:26 PM

BM

“ *Don's and my friendship began with the business of shoes. Me selling them and him buying them. Through the years we found we had much more in common. Both of us lloved hunting and fishing and I can't leave out OU football. I cherished his friendship and will miss him dearly. Bob McClintock*

Bob McClintock - July 28, 2016 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ Rick, Melea, and Hunter Hughes purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Donald Elmore.



Rick, Melea, and Hunter Hughes - July 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Elmore.



July 28, 2016 at 11:08 AM

SL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



shelby lucas - July 28, 2016 at 09:13 AM

BE

“ Lots of fond memories--met when he & Pauline bought place by us on Hilltop 3. We visited in each other's homes at the lake and in Norman. He took care of shoe needs for us. We fished, played dominoes & other games, traveled some together and just enjoyed all our time together. He was an avid OU supporter as we were. Looking forward to happy times in heaven. Betty Epperley (Charles will be sharing fishing stories there with you.

Betty Epperley - July 27, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Elmore.*



July 26, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Gil and I met Don and Pauline when our grandson bought Don's wonderful boat for his 14th birthday. Of course, he had a little help from his dad. Don and Pauline were so good to him and treated him so well, that we decided that they would make good friends, and they did. I am adding two photos: one of Don and Pauline that day and one of Don and Andrew looking over the boat.*



Marilyn Alexander - July 26, 2016 at 03:56 PM