



Donald Devore

September 18, 1938 - May 16, 2021

Donald Ray Devore was born on September 18, 1938 to John and Jeanette (Scott) Devore in Brice, Missouri. He left this earthly home from Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the age of 82. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at 11:00 am, Wednesday, May 26th under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Choctaw Elmwood Cemetery, Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Don was the oldest of seven children. He graduated from Buffalo High School, Missouri in 1956. He entered the Air Force and served his country from 1958-1964. Don met the lovely Eudora Jewell (Judy) Ohmart and they were married on February 3, 1961 in Midwest City, Oklahoma. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They raised one son and one daughter and have five grandchildren.

Don was a highly intelligent man and made his career as a meteorologist for 42 years. He began his weather training in the 6th Weather Squadron in the United States Air Force. He started working at the National Weather Service in Oklahoma City in 1964, worked in Mississippi and Texas, and finally returned to Oklahoma City. He became a trainer for severe weather spotters, including law enforcement. He gave many weather preparedness training talks to groups and schools all over Oklahoma. He worked at the NSSL (National Severe Storms Lab) in Norman as part of the JDOP (Joint Doppler Operational Project) team that developed and established what has become known as the NEXRAD (Next Generation Radar) network used by

meteorologists today. He was employed as the Meteorologist in Charge of the National Weather Service in Tulsa, Oklahoma from 1988-1996. He retired in 1997 from the National Weather Service Radar Operations Center in Norman, OK.

Don was a Mason and belonged to the Del City Masonic Lodge and the Midwest City and Broken Arrow Eastern Star Chapters. He was a Past Grand Patron of the Oklahoma Order of the Eastern Star and was currently serving as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member. He was also a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite and Muskogee York Rite.

He is survived by his wife, Judy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Son, Kirby Devore and his wife, Linda of Norman, Oklahoma

Daughter, Cheryl Jones and husband, Jeff of Norman, Oklahoma

5 Grandchildren, Blake Jones, Taylor Jones, David Devore, Nathan Devore, Emmaline Devore

2 Brothers, Gary Greenwald and Rick Greenwald

3 Sisters, Delores Summers, Carmen Bostic, and Karen Crawford

Don was preceded in death by his father, John Devore, mother, Jeanette Greenwald, stepdad, George Greenwald, and sister, Jan Clark.

Cemetery Details

Choctaw City Cemetery

1760 North Choctaw Road
Choctaw, OK 73020

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow
100 W. Albany
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-4575
<http://fbcba.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Devore*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Judy and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I remember Don for his hard work, service to the public, and his wonderful deep voice. The picture you have chosen to share brings back many memories. God Bless*

Brian Hirsch - May 25, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Devore.*



May 24, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Judy, and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Don will be missed by so many. I remember his patriotism and love of God, home and country. Dewey and Donna Talley*

Donna Talley - May 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

KB

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was always a great help to you when I would see you at Missouri Grand Chapter as one of our vendors and also at Supreme Assembly in Oklahoma. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.
Karen Budak,

Karen Budak - May 20, 2021 at 06:14 PM

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Judy. So sorry to hear about Don. I always enjoyed being part of the Silhouettes of 1999 when Don was WGP. Sending prayers of peace for you and your family.
Paulette and Ron Minshall

paulette Minshall - May 20, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Devore.



May 20, 2021 at 02:25 PM

RN

“ Cheryl,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. I am praying for your comfort.

Robin Nipper

Robin Nipper - May 20, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Devore.*



May 19, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Devore.*



May 18, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Devore family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Donald.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 17, 2021 at 03:39 AM