



Donald Ray 'Donnie' Rowland

August 23, 1944 - March 15, 2017

Funeral Services for Mr. Donald R. "Donnie" Rowland, 72, of Milburn, Oklahoma will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 11:00 a. m. at the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo, Oklahoma with Rev. Laverne Stinson officiating. Interment will follow in the Condon Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Donald Ray Rowland was born in Durant, Oklahoma on August 23, 1944, to Almon and Fern (Needham) Rowland. He lived for almost 70 years on the family farm in Milburn, Oklahoma, before his declining health necessitated a move. He passed peacefully in his room at Blue River Healthcare in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on March 15, 2017, with family members by his side. Donnie was a 1961 graduate of Milburn High School in Milburn, Oklahoma. He graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1965 with a double major in mathematics and science. That same year he married the love of his life and wife of 51 years, Verna Jean (Cauthron) Rowland, in Fanshawe, Oklahoma. Donnie joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard in September 1968 and continued serving until June 1974, when he was honorably discharged at the rank of SSG.

Donnie's career in education began with teaching math and science at Coleman High School in Coleman, Oklahoma, where he stayed for 10 years. In 1975, Donnie began teaching 5th grade math at Tishomingo Middle School in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He went on to graduate with a Master's Degree in

Counseling from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and transitioned to become the Counselor at Tishomingo Memorial Elementary and Middle Schools. Donnie later obtained his Administration Certificate from the University of Tulsa and served as elementary principal at Tishomingo Memorial Elementary School for several years before becoming Director of Special Services for Tishomingo Public Schools. He retired in 1995, after spending 30 years in education, to work on the family farm. The last few years of his active life, Donnie enjoyed operating Blue River Hunting Adventures, providing guided hunts for quail, pheasant, and chucker.

Donnie loved kids, education, hunting, fishing, farming, guns, and family... especially his four grandchildren. He made the most of his time with them, teaching them to love the outdoors and all that God created. Of utmost importance to Donnie was for his children and grandchildren to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, which he got to see come to fruition. Donnie was a devout Christian, an active Gideon, and a deacon at Milburn First Baptist Church and Tishomingo First Baptist Church. He was also a board member and president of Counseling, Inc., based in Johnston County.

Anyone who spent much time around Donnie knew that he loved to laugh and make others laugh. He was often known to pull off a practical joke or a make a comment that would lighten up the most awkward of moments. He had an infectious laugh and gave great hugs. Donnie was preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jean of the home; two children, Scott Rowland and wife Tami of Pryor, Oklahoma, and Latricia (Rowland) Pack and husband Chuck of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Christopher Rowland, Nicholas Rowland, Mason Pack, and Morgan Pack; a brother, James Rowland and wife Glenda of Milburn, Oklahoma; numerous church family members; and many other dear family and friends.

Casket Bearers for the service will be: Vernon Hurst, George Johnson, Donald McDaniel, Rick Orr, Rick Needham and Ronald Needham. Honorary Bearers will be: George Reid, Clayton Pryor, Edd Clary, Rex Lokey, and Ferman Rowland.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Ray 'Donnie' Rowland*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Mr. Rowland was my Principal in grade school (in the 80s) and he is a man I will never forget. I loved him very much!*

Celina Stallings-Bates - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Lauri Rowland Hill - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry that I never knew cousin.*

Colleen Ward Dobrzynski - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *sorry for your loss praying for the family*

Rick Wagner - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Donnies passing. I pray for comfort and peace for all of the Rowland family. Although years have past, ,I will never forget the kindness shown to me by this wonderful family.*

Sarah Kropp Breshears - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire family. Donnie has always been such a kind man. I know he is in heaven with Ken now.*

Michelle Hill - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Donnie you will be missed but,not forgotten
Fly High
Love Randy and Shayla Davis*

Shayla and Randy Davis - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *I pray for comfort for all the family. He was lov d and respected by many.*

Paula Moore - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with this sweet family. In times like these, we can be comforted as we rest in God's promises.*

Rana Smith - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Prayers and love sent up for you.*

Angela Kinsey Moffit and Dennis Moffit - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dearest Rowland Family,
The Rowland family mean so much to our family. Years of sweet memories and treasured friendship. We loved Donnie and I think of how sweet the relationship between he and Dad. I am sure Dad was in the 'greeting crew' welcoming Donnie to his heavenly home.

Preston and Cindy Burns - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Prayers for the Rowland Family. Donnie was such a great influence on our children, and he was so appreciated for it.

Brenda Shaffer - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My condolences and love and prayers to all of you during this time. Donnie was such a wonderful man, he had such influence over so many countless young people. Both educationally and religiously. He made sure my children got to Sunday school so many times when I could not. I can honestly say he and Jeannie had such an impact on my children turning out as wonderful as they did. Thank you both. What a legacy he has left! We will see him again. god bless you all.

Debra Duke Johns - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I always admired Donnie!! He was a warm, giving, loving ,laughing ,genuine man.I was glad to be his cousin.

Derrell (Nub) Rowland - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Bless your family

Brenda Horath Zachry - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM