



Donald Wayne Emerson

May 3, 1937 - February 5, 2018

Donald Wayne Emerson, 80, of Humboldt, KS passed away at Allen County Regional surrounded by family on February 5, 2018. He was born in Little Rock, AR on May 3, 1937 to Irvin James and Susan Corona (Crabtree) Emerson.

Don started working at his dad's sawmill in Arkansas after the 8th grade before moving to California where he owned and operated sawmills with his dad and eventual father-in-law. He went on to own sawmills in Oregon and Arkansas before making his home in Kansas. He met and married the love of his life, Helen Ruth "Ruthie" Ratliff in Covelo, CA on August 26, 1957. After the birth of their three children, they relocated to Kansas in 1964 where he started working construction with his family. He continued in this business until he passed away.

Before preceding him in death on December 1, 2011, Ruthie and Don were inseparable. They enjoyed fishing and frequent trips to the casino in their spare time. Don was an honest and loving man who was a teacher to many. He never met a stranger and all who had the pleasure of knowing him loved him.

Don will especially be missed by:

Children:

Sharrie Lowry and husband Rick of Humboldt, KS
Jim Emerson and wife Karen of Chanute, KS
Don Emerson, Jr, and wife Tammy of Fort Worth, TX

Grandchildren:

Jerry Lowry of Humboldt, KS
Randy Lowry and wife Missy of Humboldt, KS
Summer Lowry and husband Cory of Iola, KS
David Emerson and wife Jessica of Olathe, KS
Galvin Emerson of Chanute, KS
Matt Hudson of Oklahoma City, OK
Corey Emerson and wife Maegan of Iola, KS
Josh Emerson and wife Hayley of Cabot, AR

Great-Grandchildren:

Bailee Hosfelt
Jacob Gryzbowski
Kamo Lowry
Shooter Lowry
Bradley Lowry
Laken Splane
Nahla Jenkins
Hunter Boren
Trapper Boren
Ruger Boren
Cora Boren
Hailee Lowry
Micah Lowry
Aaliyah Lowry

Sage Emerson
Collin Emerson
Lily Bartley
Broden Emerson
Jase Emerson
Zac Emerson
Gabi Emerson
Eva Emerson

Sisters:

Ann Emerson of Chanute, KS
Judy Ward and husband David of Chanute, KS

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Ruthie, infant brother; and half-brother, Richard Felton.

A visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel on Monday, February 12, 2018 from 1-2:00 p.m. in Chanute, KS. A service will follow immediately after at 2:00 p.m. with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute, KS. Memorials have been suggested to Reachout Christian Center and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 16 N. Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel
16 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-2660
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Don was always such a fun loving person to be around. We always enjoyed visits with him and Ruth when they would come to Arkansas and when we would visit in their home! He always had funny stories and a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!*
Charlie Watson

Charlie Watson - February 14, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Emerson.*



February 08, 2018 at 10:57 AM

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“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of Don's passing. I first met Don in the early 70's when I was installing floor coverings in some of the Nursing homes he constructed. We developed a friendship and he was always willing to offer his expert advice on building tips. As I moved on in life he also became a good customer at the lumber yards I managed, always witty and smiling . He truly loved his wife and family included them in all he did, and enjoyed. My heart goes out to each of you.*
Sincerely,
Jerry Hughes

Jerry D Hughes - February 08, 2018 at 08:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Emerson.



February 07, 2018 at 06:44 PM