



Donnie Childress

December 5, 1939 - April 22, 2018

Donnie Dee Childress was born to Roy Dee Oran and Edith Mae (Hilgenfeld) Childress on December 5, 1939 in Gray County, TX. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister-in-law, Patsy Childress, and sister and husband, Elaine and Jack Denney. He is survived by his loving wife of 41+ years, Rebecca Childress; daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie and Steve Adams; son, Whitney Childress and fiancée, Susan Finby; and son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Daphne Childress. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and his three sisters, Barbara Dunn, Jackie and husband Mike Higgins, Betty Whisenant and one brother, LeeRoy Childress, and countless nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Donnie graduated Sperry High School in 1958 and remained an avid Pirates fan his entire life. He attended both the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University and received an Associate's Degree in Heavy Mechanical Engineering. He worked in and around the oil and refinery industry until his retirement later in life. Donnie loved guns and hunting. He is a lifelong member of the NRA and of The American Legion Post #308 in Tulsa, OK where he and Becky would regularly attend the Friday night dances. He was a patriot and loved his country.

Some of his many interests include bowling in his younger years with his wife; attending church services at their Lutheran church in Shreveport, LA; collecting guns; building models of military aircraft; reading hunting magazines

and anything about the military, with his favorite being the American Civil War; working puzzles and he always enjoyed watching cooking shows such as Justin Wilson's Saturday morning show on PBS with his favorite phrase being, "I GARONTEE."

Donnie fought a long and hard battle with Diabetes finally succumbing to this disease Sunday, April 22nd at 12:05 pm. He will be missed by all who loved him. On behalf of his family, they would like to thank Green Country Hospice, Porta Caeli House in Tulsa, his MANY doctors of whom Drs. RJ and Dina Azadi were among his favorites; and the nurses and staff at St. Francis who cared for him. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Porta Caeli House; the Youth NRA; or the American Diabetic Association in his name.

One of Donnie's favorite passages was the 23rd Psalm. Below is from a translation read to him in his final days after which he smiled:

The LORD is my best friend and my shepherd.

I always have enough.

He offers a resting place for me in His luxurious love.

His tracks take me to an oasis of peace, the quiet brooks of bliss.

That's where He restores and revives my life.

He opens before me pathways to God's pleasure and leads me along in His footsteps of righteousness so that I can bring honor to His name.

Lord, even when Your path takes me through the valley of the deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for You already have!

You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way. Your authority is my strength and peace.

The comfort of Your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for You are near.

You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight.

You anoint me with fragrance of Your Holy Spirit; You give me all I can drink of You until my heart overflows.

So why would I fear the future?

For Your goodness and love pursue me all the days of my life.
Then afterward, when my life is through, I'll return to Your glorious presence to
be forever with you. (The Passion Translation)

Graveside service will be 10:30am, Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the South
Bethel Cemetery, Braggs, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Don was a gracious man. honest, hard working, and truly loved his family. I had the honor of setting with him several months before his death. we laughed, he told me stories, I spoiled him, it was an act of love and respect for Don and for my dear friend Becky. I loved his stories and he was smart. very well read and up to date with the goings on of the world we live him. His body just couldn't keep up with his mind. I never knew him to be unkind to anyone...and He truly loved his wife, Becky. I will miss him and feel blessed for the time I spent with him.

Daphane Cooper - April 26, 2018 at 12:13 AM

JG

“ Becky, I am just beyond words. Don was such a wonderful person. I remember the Sunday mornings at St. Stephen when all of you came in to church. Don was always so kind and loving to everyone. He was a treasure. May God comfort you in this time of loss, and grant you His peace. Love Always and Forever

Justin Gould - April 24, 2018 at 10:14 AM

RC

Justin, I thank you for the kind and loving words. Miss and love you.

Rebecca Childress - April 25, 2018 at 11:02 PM

VA

“ Becky-

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please know that your "county family" will be here for you if you should need anything.

Vicki Adams

Vicki Adams - April 24, 2018 at 09:18 AM

RC

Thank you Vicki, I appreciate that!

Rebecca Childress - April 25, 2018 at 11:04 PM

LD

“ *Donnie was such a character...he loved helping me work on the family tree books...the stories he could tell...they had me laughing til my sides hurt...always generous with his time...the last 2 times we had gone up to see him, he wasn't feeling good, but the couple of hours we had planned on spending passed by so quickly and before we knew it, it was four or fives hours later...he would say "I have just one more story for you..." or "Have you seen this before..." His eyes always twinkled when he would talk about the trouble he and his brother and sisters got into....They always tell me I got the broke in Donnie...I thought he was awesome...I will really miss him and our conversations....my heart goes out to Becky, Eric, Sherrie, and Whit...and the grandkids...he sure was proud of them...*



Leatha Denney - April 24, 2018 at 12:09 AM

RC

Leatha, he loved the time with you and telling all his tales! So many never really saw the true teddy bear he was! Love you and proud to have you as a niece.

Rebecca Childress - April 25, 2018 at 11:08 PM

MG

“ *Margie Kreiger Galassi & Tom Galassi lit a candle in memory of Donnie Childress*



Margie Kreiger Galassi & Tom Galassi - April 23, 2018 at 09:28 PM

MG

Our hearts are heavier tonight knowing Becky is without you here on earth ... Love you dearly Becky and all your family who is suffering this tremendous loss ... Thinking of you, Margie Kreiger Galassi & Tom Galassi, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Margie Kreiger Galassi - April 23, 2018 at 09:32 PM

RC

I'm so glad I have you as a cousin, love you, Margie

Rebecca Childress - April 23, 2018 at 10:01 PM

EO

*When my youngest daughter was but a year old, other than her own father, Don was the only man that she would go to, pay attention to, or just lay on his back as he laid on the floor. His gentle soul was present to her at that age, as it was to all of us.
You both are deep in our thoughts and first in our prayers.*

Esther Olson - April 24, 2018 at 06:18 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sherrie Adams - April 23, 2018 at 09:09 PM



Shanna Hernandez

“ *He will be missed by so many. Love you Uncle Don.*



Shanna Hernandez - April 23, 2018 at 08:45 PM

RC

Your Uncle Don loved you kids so much!

Rebecca Childress - April 23, 2018 at 09:02 PM

SP

“ *Sarah Roach Paddack purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Donnie Childress.*



Sarah Roach Paddack - April 23, 2018 at 05:50 PM

SP

“ I met all my Childress cousins last year at a family reunion. They all made me feel very welcome. I got to visit with Donnie quite a bit. He asked me to get him dessert twice. It wasn't until Becky caught him eating it that I realized he shouldn't be having it! But oh how he loved sweets 😍. Praying for Becky, his children and sisters and brother 🙏🙏

Sarah Roach Paddack - April 23, 2018 at 05:38 PM

BP

Yep, Don loved his desserts
I would bring him sugar free chocolate when he was in hospital. If we didn't watch him, he would eat it all at one time.


Bonnie peters - April 23, 2018 at 07:02 PM

BP

“ Bonnie Peters sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Childress



Bonnie Peters - April 23, 2018 at 04:39 PM

 Bonnie Swenke Peters

“ Bonnie Swenke Peters lit a candle in memory of Donnie Childress



Bonnie Swenke Peters - April 23, 2018 at 04:27 PM

BP

“ So sorry for the loss of a special brother. He sent his special cardinal to me to let me know he was able to walk and feeling free from pain. Rest in peace dear brother. I love you.

Bonnie Peters - April 23, 2018 at 03:38 PM

RC

“ Missing my beloved husband!

Rebecca Childress - April 23, 2018 at 03:35 PM

GG

“ Will miss somebody very special in a good hunting buddy to me

Gary Greeson - April 23, 2018 at 03:27 PM

JA

“ Jami Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donnie Childress



Jami Anderson - April 23, 2018 at 01:49 PM