



## Donald Charles Woods

May 23, 1932 - May 24, 2018

Donald Charles Woods was born on May 23, 1932 in Morrowville, Kansas and passed away on May 24, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. Don came from humble beginnings, losing his Dad at age 12 and working from then on to help his family. He advanced through the Navy, Milwaukee School of Engineering and in several defense and electronics engineering companies across the U.S. from coast to coast before settling in Richardson, Texas in the 1960s. He always told his family memories of swimming in creeks, ice skating and working for local farmers growing up. He was proud to be one of the last to drive a team of horses up to the threshing machine during harvest. He always said he was so grateful for how much people helped him in his life but never took credit for how much he was really helping others. Don raised his family in the Richardson-Pearce neighborhood and was a leader in the community throughout his life. His close circle of friends were part of the initial engineering team at TI in the 60s and 70s. They all have remained close to this day. Don was always involved in the lives of his children. He coached soccer, basketball and softball. He was the parent sponsor for Indian Guides and Indian Princesses. He always made the children feel special and included. Don also served as Principal for the children's CCD program at St. Marks Catholic church during the early years. He meant so much to us. We will miss him very much. He can now join Ellen, the love of his life. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, his son, Donald C. "Chuck" Woods, Jr and his brother Jim Woods. He is survived by children, Robert Woods and his wife Danah, Elisa Shepard and her husband Kip, and Melissa Woods and her husband Bruce Coachman; grandchildren Madeline Woods, Mitchell Shepard, Mary Ellen Woods, and Megan Shepard; numerous nieces and nephews; and brother Jerry Woods. The family request visiting hours with rosary be observed on the evening of Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Restland Funeral Home. Service to celebrate Don's life will be held on Wednesday, 10:00 am May 30, 2018, at St. Marks Catholic Church located at 1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075. Funeral arrangements for Mr. Donald Charles Woods have been faithfully entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery, which is located at 13005 Greenville Ave., at the intersection of Restland Road, Dallas, Texas 75243, and can be reached at (972) 238-7111. The family has requested to consider in lieu of flowers a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project.



# Comments

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“ I worked with Don many years. He was one of the finest I ever knew. He was a man among many and as time passed I knew that his word was never questioned. Although a quiet man with a soft voice his demeanor demanded your attention. I will miss him greatly but I know he is in Heaven once again with Ellen. Rest in peace;my brother.

**Bill McGehee** - July 09, 2018 at 12:13 PM

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“ Don was one person one could always count on to be truthful, stable in all his ways and never be disrespectful to anyone. He was one of the people I most liked to be around during the 30 years we worked together. Thank You Don for always being my friend.

**Ted Jeter** - May 28, 2018 at 03:39 PM

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“ Don was a very kind, loving man. Our two families were brought together when Bobby and Danah got married and I feel blessed to have known him and all his wonderful family.

**Jean Anthony** - May 28, 2018 at 03:02 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Robert, Elisa, and Melissa and their spouses. Your Dad was a fantastic man with a gentle calming, voice. I know it is very difficult to see the last parent depart this world but your Dad is now with Ellen and know they are still looking over all of you. Don liked to laugh and tell stories. He was very proud of each of his children and grandchildren. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and his friends.

**Betty Walters** - May 28, 2018 at 01:30 PM

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“ What a wonderful man. Who didn't love Don Woods. We worked together for many years. Can still hear his nice and polite voice. Life is but a whisper. We live, we love, we let go. The letting go is the hardest part. ??

**Joyce Lofton** - May 27, 2018 at 06:33 PM

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“ Elisa, my condolences for the loss of your dear father. The love you two had for one another has been evident since I have known you. I pray that your heart finds peace and comfort to help you continue without him near. I pray his loving spirit forever surrounds you.

**Dinah Porchia** - May 26, 2018 at 03:38 PM