



Donald Brisbin

July 28, 1935 - February 28, 2024

In Memoriam: Donald Richard Brisbin (AKA: Bris)

Donald Richard Brisbin, affectionately known as “Bris”, departed this world suddenly on February 28, 2024. He was born on July 28, 1935, in Cleveland, Oklahoma, to Virginia and Alvin Brisbin. Don's educational journey took him through Cleveland, Barnsdall, and Bartlesville College High School, where he graduated in 1955. His yearbook tagline humorously pointed to his future at the Bartlesville Ford Company.

During his formative high school years, Don worked concurrently at Landers Grocery, Hilltop Drive-In, and Arrow Theater, showcasing his strong work ethic. After completing two years at Central Christian, he encountered the love of his life, Mary Ruth Flinn, at a popular burger joint in Bartlesville OK, a fitting backdrop considering his fondness for a good hamburger. They married on October 11, 1957, and were blessed with three daughters: Terri, Crystal, and Sonya.

Don was widely respected for his unparalleled work ethic, often holding three jobs to provide for his growing family. His dedication extended to the Bartlesville Police Department, where he served as an officer in 1960, later earning a promotion to Senior Patrolman. In 1965 he became the inaugural recipient of the "Bartlesville Policeman of the Year" award, a testament to his

commitment to the community.

While serving on the police force, Don also drove a school bus for Bartlesville Public Schools, influencing and guiding youths towards positive life choices. In 1968, he transitioned to Reda Pump Co in field services, continuing his school bus routes and eventually finding success in International shipping before retiring in 1992.

Don's passion for sports extended beyond his professional life. He played men's fastpitch softball from the 1960s to the 1980s, becoming renowned statewide if not nationally. He and his teammates had the honor and fun of playing "the King and his Court" with the famed Eddie Feiner at Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium. For those who know Don, they know his love of softball was never-ending. His love for softball manifested in coaching roles, from mentoring his daughters to guiding high school (Nowata and Bartlesville) and college teams, including the inaugural season at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, completing a lifelong goal as a college softball coach.

Upon "retirement" in 1992, Don dedicated his time to teaching girls' fastpitch pitching lessons, leaving an indelible mark on countless students. He authored a book detailing pitching techniques, sharing his expertise with a broader audience.

While his obsession with softball is evident, Don is most known for his love of family first, softball and CARS. His collection over the years included at least 200 different models (Not all at the same time!) He owned about every make and model ever made. In his later years he enjoyed owning several classics with his 1939 Plymouth Businessman's Coupe winning the "2018 Oldies but Goodies President's Choice Award."

Don and Mary attended countless events featuring their grandchildren and,

most recently, great-grandchildren.

Don is survived by his daughters Terri (Rene Stefanopoulos) and Sonya (Scott) Reed, grandchildren Devin (Brittany) Brisbin of Bristow, OK, Amanda (Zach) Hudson of Skiatook, OK, Sadie (Thad) Reed of Bartlesville, OK, and Morgan Stefanopoulos of Bartlesville, OK, as well as great-grandchildren in order by age: Taigyn, Lakota, Matt, Trevor, Landon, Channing, Lincoln, Hayes, Lennox, and Kolt. He is also survived by his brothers Mark (Daisy) Brisbin and Steve Brisbin, brother-in-law Buster Dell, and lifelong friends/family Leon and Frances Campbell.

To view the service via live-stream, please click the following link:

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcwOTc4MjU0MDI5OTA0OCZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
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Funeral Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Rosy Beck lit a candle in memory of Donald Brisbin



Rosy beck - March 07, 2024 at 09:02 PM

ET

“ Elonda T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Brisbin.

Elonda T. - March 07, 2024 at 05:06 PM

MM

“ Margo, Justin & Marie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Brisbin.

Margo, Justin & Marie - March 04, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Brisbin.



March 04, 2024 at 10:39 PM

BM

“ Men like Don are not found often . He not only help shape me , but gave countless hours of coaching to my daughter Amber , and other young ladies chasing thier dreams ! We could always count on Don to help out with the Blazers , Bruins practices. I want to thank his family for sharing this man with us , he will be missed , and thought of alot 🙏 !

Bennie McClintock - March 04, 2024 at 04:56 PM

RL

“ I had the pleasure of having Don be one of my pitching coaches growing up. He was soft spoken, gentle yet stern but knew how to make us better pitchers. Thank you Don for the precious memories I will hold dear to my heart!!!

Ronda Loudermilk - March 01, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LW

“ Don was a special person. He and my Dad were lifelong friends, all the way from racing cars as teenagers till frequent phone conversations in my dad's last days. He has a beautiful family. Many happy memories of Don, Mary, and the girls.

Linda Wallace - March 01, 2024 at 01:05 PM

LC

Yes he was.

Larry Campbell - March 01, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JF

“ *Jim Ewing & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Brisbin.*



Jim Ewing & family - March 01, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Jim Ewing & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Brisbin.*

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