



Donald Dwight Norwood

July 31, 1926 - February 20, 2021

Donald D. Norwood was born on July 31, 1926 in Lamar, MO to Herrell and Maurine Norwood where he was raised and worked on the family farm. He graduated from Lamar High School in 1944 and went on to serve as an infantryman in World War II. He was in the invasion of the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. After the war, he earned a chemical engineering degree from the University of Missouri-Rolla and subsequently married his high school sweetheart, Joan Elizabeth Montee. Don went to work for Union Carbide in Oakridge, TN. Don accepted a position with Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, OK in 1956 where they thought it would be a nice place to raise their two young daughters, Donna and Denise.

In 1966, Phillips patented Norwood's loop reactor that allowed for the commercialization of polyethylene and polypropylene plastic that is still being licensed and utilized globally. Don thoroughly enjoyed more than 40 years working side by side with many respected colleagues and was very humbled and grateful when he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award in 2006 and was inducted into the Plastics Hall of Fame in 2015.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Lois McClintock, his brother H.F. "Jr.", his wife Joan, his daughter Denise Norwood, and his grandson Scott Frederic. He is survived by his daughter Donna (Gary) Patton of Bartlesville; grandchildren Rachael Frederic Wyatt of Austin; Jennifer (Jeff) Tomlinson of Bartlesville; Jessica (David) Prince of Edmond and Ashley

Norwood of Edmond; greatgrandchildren Jadrian and Jillian Tomlinson, Jordan, Aleigha and Dakota Prince, RyLee and Kyrie Norwood, Addison and Emma Klepper; great-great grandson Kingston.

He is also survived by his dear friend Margery Maple of Bartlesville. The family would also like to thank his loving and precious caregivers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to Wounded Warriors or Light House Mission.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. on Friday, February 26, 2021 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tari Carbaugh officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Come and go visitation for family and friends will be at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM until 8 PM and the Norwood family will receive guests at the funeral home on Thursday from 6 P.M. until 8 P.M.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family To Receive Friends

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Chapel Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Dwight Norwood*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Donald Dwight Norwood*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Don was a great man, innovator, and engineer. The company I work for today is reaping the benefits of Don's insight. Although Don retired just before I started my career, he came back on contract and I was able to meet and interact with him. He always wanted to know what I was working on and I was always interested in hearing his perspective and experiences. I was also introduced to a library of technical reports dating back many years that he had authored. One thing I noticed about his analysis, is he would make conclusions on the best available data and evidence. But he also demanded from his reports that they capture what they learned in technical reports also. So all of a sudden I have this great resource to learn. Don helped a lot as he was able to point to a research paper that might give me ideas about a project I was working on. Don understood you do your best to capture what you learned at the time. If conditions later change then you update the conclusions. If you don't know something, you figure it out. Research and knowledge is never static. Don was a firm believer and demonstrated the ability to scale up his findings from a small pilot reactor to a large manufacturing facility. Don knew technology transfer. He took the effort to figure out what scaled and how to make predictions if the scale factor required refinement.

Don was also a firm believe in education. He was ahead of him time in belief that education for everyone, but especially females, was necessary and important. Without the knowledge and foresight of Don, I doubt my company would exist or I would be doing what I am now.

Scott Kufeld - March 01, 2021 at 06:25 AM

GS

“ Don was a friend and fellow employee at Phillips Petroleum Company. We also came from the same part of the country, Lamar, Missouri a part of Barton County. Don was raised on a farm Northeast of Lamar and I spent much of my growing up years on the Thiebaud farm West of Lamar on the Oakton Road. I often think that his inventor skills began on the farm as we had to be able to work on all kinds of equipment and our skills continued to improve. As Don grew up and became a Chemical Engineer with Phillips his skills from the farm came with him. His development of the loop reactor technology still used to produce high density polyethylene worldwide started on the farm. He has been recognized worldwide for this achievement. In our recent years I have dropped off in his mailbox weekly *The Lamar Democrat*, the weekly newspaper from our town. I know he enjoyed keeping up with old friends and family as reported in the paper. We will miss him greatly. Guy Sutherland Retired Vice President, Chemicals, Phillips Petroleum Company.

Guy e Sutherland - February 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM

CS

I am so sorry that I just learned of Don's passing. I am heartbroken. He was the sweetest kindest man I have ever known. I know he is greatly missed by his family. Love you.

Cindy Spears - October 17, 2021 at 09:58 PM

JM

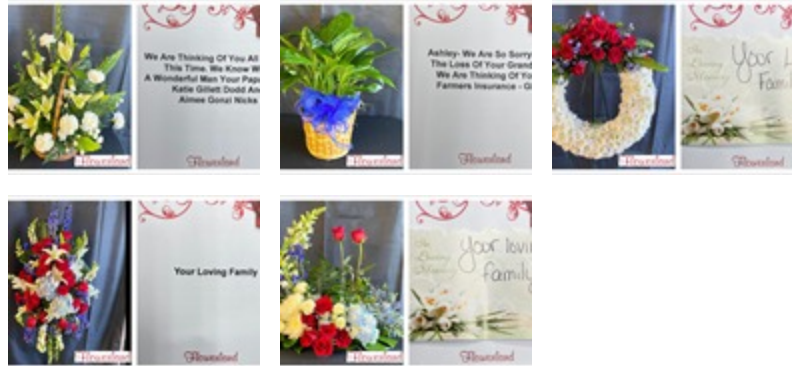
“ It was a privilege for us both to work with Don over a period of many years and to contribute to loop reactor technology, an invention that has put Bartlesville on the map in the polyethylene world. He was never boastful or brash, but quietly supportive and we are thankful for our jobs that resulted from this achievement.

Joel and Shirley Martin

Joel Martin - February 28, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - February 26, 2021 at 07:15 PM

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“ I’ve heard it said that the true greatness of a man’s life is not in what position he achieved, or how much money he made, but rather in how many other lives have been touched. By that standard, Don was a truly great man. His life influenced thousands of others around the globe, some like me, directly through Don’s personal attention and guidance, and others indirectly through his writings and lectures and the continuation of Don’s work. And the whole world has, perhaps unknowingly, benefited from Don’s creative and unique contributions to technology.

Max McDaniel

Max McDaniel - February 26, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.



February 25, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.*



February 24, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *I remember his love for his family and his faith . . . Blessings Marsha Sauter*

Marsha Sauter - February 23, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.*



February 23, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Mr Norwood was such a kind and pleasant man!
He loved his family and friends so very much!!
He will be greatly missed!! Condolences to the entire family!! Rip*

Mary lou Long - February 23, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.*



February 23, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.*



February 23, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Bill McClintock & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Dwight Norwood.*



Bill McClintock & family - February 22, 2021 at 05:15 PM