



Donald R. Perkins

September 5, 1962 - May 8, 2023

Donald Ray Perkins, 60, of rural Wann, Oklahoma, died Monday, May 8, 2023.

Don was born September 5, 1962, a twin, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to Stanley Arthur and Mary Lou (Claypool) Perkins. He, along with all of his siblings, grew up in Noxie, running around those old dirt roads.

He was educated at Wann Public Schools. At 14 years old, he started working for Floyd Fitzsimmons. A child, driving a semi, a tractor and just trying to learn anything and everything about farming and driving a semi. He loved driving, especially those long hauls. He then, in 1988, went to work for Aptus in Coffeyville. He worked there until he decided in 1999 to go to work for Wal-Mart Trucking, where he had over 2 million safety miles.

Don met Suzanne Deaton, and in December of 1985, the couple married. The following December, they welcomed their first child, Lindsey Suzanne, then in 1989, they had Katy Don. He loved his children so very much. He was an excellent father and provider and his daughters will always be grateful for him for that.

In 1991, Don accepted Jesus into his heart. His mother, Mary, prayed the sinner's prayer with him, and from that point on, Don's name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life. He loved his Lord and Savior. He would share his testimony and his love for God with anyone and everyone that would listen. He was so proud to be a changed man!

When Don wasn't working, which wasn't often, he loved BBQ'ing on smokers

that he built himself and racing. He loved drag racing and anything Mopar! He built his own drag car but later, sold it, to spend more time at home with his family. He also loved taking his girls to church camp and any other church activity. He and his running partner, Mema (Carol), spent many, many hours in the church van driving kids all over, trying to make sure the kids learned about God.

In 2003, Don welcomed another daughter, Alairia. Although she wasn't "his", she was. He and Alairia spent a lot of time together mowing, running errands, and watching Forrest Gump.

Don and Suzanne later divorced and a couple of years later, Don married Janice Haire. The couple spent 10 years together, mostly farming, until his passing. The couple spent many, many hours in the hayfield and taking care of the cattle.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law; sister-in-law Judy Moore; brother-in-law Kevin Moore; brother-in-law David Haire; stepson Steven Lawhorn; brother-in-law Joe Rinkenbaugh; brother-in-law Robert King; brother-in-law Gene McDowell.

He is survived by his wife Janice, of the home; daughters Lindsey McClain (Jason) and Katy Rivers (Sheldon); stepdaughter Brianna Nelson (Nash); grandchildren Abbigail Hoover, Jude Rivers, Jemma McClain, Brody Nelson, and one on the way; brother Billy Perkins (Johnnie); sisters Suzie McDowell, Pearl Gilbert (Mark), Judy King, Connie Stall (Harold), Sandy Rinkenbaugh and twin Donna Loeffelholz (Tim); and many, many nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind many, many friends.

Donald leaves behind so many people that loved him so dearly!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nowata Stumpff Funeral Home
620 E. Cherokee
Nowata, OK 74048
abbottville322@gmail.com

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
2623 NS 408 Road
Wann, OK 74083

Tribute Wall



“ Donald R. Perkins

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Donald R. Perkins

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 13, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ To all of Don's family, especially his daughters, I am so sorry you are having to experience the death of a dear family member. I will be sending prayers for comfort for you during the Service and the days to come. and regret I won't be there in person. Don was a special guy. The Perkins family have always been well thought of in the "Hills" and Don was liked by everyone. He is one of the good ones. Please cling to those good memories and all the good things he did during his days here. And visualize him in Heaven with so many that are welcoming him, including our Lord. My sincere condolences.

Kathy Seigel - May 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM

LM

Thank you ma'am

Lindsey McClain - May 15, 2023 at 07:30 PM

TF

“ *Terri Francis lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins*



Terri Francis - May 13, 2023 at 03:34 AM

JG

“ *Jeanne Greene lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins*



Jeanne Greene - May 12, 2023 at 04:52 PM

RL

“ *A good man has fallen in the hills. May God grant the family peace and strength and grace for us to imitate the compassion and love he showed to so many others. Very few come close to having a heart for God and others that Don displayed in his life. He is a genuine treasure. I along with many others will miss him but will see him again because of our shared trust in Jesus,*

Rick Lumm - May 11, 2023 at 08:19 PM

CD

“ *Loved to drive big trucks & tractors. Great Uncle & kind gentle soul.* ”



Cindy E Dragoo - May 11, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald R. Perkins.* ”



May 11, 2023 at 10:09 AM

KG

“ *Karen Griggs Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins* ”



Karen Griggs Gallegos - May 11, 2023 at 07:54 AM

JH

“ *Janice Holland lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins* ”



Janice Holland - May 10, 2023 at 10:41 PM

LF

“ *Lesla Flisher lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins*



Lesla Flisher - May 10, 2023 at 09:06 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl (Griggs) Sharp lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Perkins*



Cheryl (Griggs) Sharp - May 10, 2023 at 05:30 PM