



Mr. Don R. Dennis

August 7, 1936 - March 15, 2019

Don Russell Dennis passed away at UT Health Science Center in Tyler, Texas on March 15, 2019, surrounded by his loved ones.

Don was born August 7, 1936, in Henderson, Texas, and was a lifelong resident of the Shakerag/Good Springs community. He was a member and deacon of Sardis Baptist Church, which is also where, in December 1956, he married the shy young girl he met in an East Texas purple hull pea patch.

As a boy, Don was forced to grow up fast and hard, making tough decisions early in life in order to take care of his family. Because of this, not many men can claim a better work ethic than Don Dennis. He was logging the local piney woods when the custom was to load the logs with just two mules instead of a tractor. He worked for Mr. DC Long for more than 30 years while maintaining various businesses of his own. After a full day of work, he could be found delivering ice, running a backhoe, or working in his large garden in order to provide for his family. Don also served in the National Guard and was honorably discharged after serving from 1954 to 1963. During his service, he learned to box and developed a helluva mean Left. His fighting spirit was present all the way to the very last of his days.

Just as he worked hard, Don also played hard. He loved to spend his free time at the Red River, fishing with his son, grandsons, and great-grandsons. A

lover of coffee, buttermilk, and homemade vanilla ice cream, he also loved a good story and a laugh, and no one could escape his wicked sense of humor and sharp wit.

Everyone who knew him knew that Don's true pride, however, was his family. His daughter, Elaine Adkison, and sons, Larry Dennis and Vaughn Dennis (and wife, Kathy); his grandchildren Collen Hughes (and wife, Tracy), Wendi Hodges (and Don's one and only "favorite grandson-in-law," Beau), Jonas Deaton, Alex Adkison, Evan Dennis, and Vallen Dennis; and his great-grandchildren Corbin, Shelby and Ashby Hughes, Colt, Lilah, and Duke Hodges, and Lennon Adkison.

Don was preceded in death by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Margaret Annette Dukes Dennis. He would tell you that her love, patience, and forgiveness have been his whole world. Meanwhile, the family would tell you that while the holes in our hearts left by the losses of our Gran and now Daddy Don are currently too painful to contemplate, the unconditional love in which they raised us and the many lessons and memories they left behind will never be forgotten.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support in the many heartfelt forms. There are too many people to thank individually; however, we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the family, friends, caregivers, and even total strangers for their acts of kindness.

A memorial visitation for Mr. Dennis will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral. A private family burial will be held at a later date under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Sardis Baptist Church at

13174 CR 4187 S., Henderson, TX 75654.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Ana & Guillermo Soto lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Ana & Guillermo Soto - March 23, 2019 at 12:17 AM

PA

“ *It is a favorite memory of ours to go into the little corner store and listen to Don and Albert telling fishing stories over a cup of coffee. Always ready for the next fishing trip! We will miss you Don.*

Leslie and Pat Long

Pat - March 20, 2019 at 05:35 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Franklin Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Elaine Franklin Davis - March 20, 2019 at 02:57 PM

JD

“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*

Jill Gloede Dorman - March 20, 2019 at 01:29 PM

KS

“ *Sorry for your loss*



Kelly Stroud - March 20, 2019 at 08:05 AM

PC

“ *Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Paula Crim - March 19, 2019 at 11:59 AM

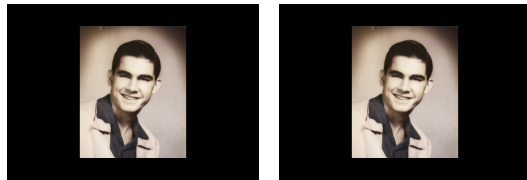
DJ

“ *I am so saddened to hear of his passing, I remember when he delivered ice to my former mother in law's store R & L Superstop and also serviced the store. He was such a nice man, always enjoyed chatting with him. Prayers lifted to you all.*

Donna (Coates) Judalet - March 19, 2019 at 11:05 AM

EA

“ *2 files added to the album Don Dennis Memorial*



Elaine Adkison - March 19, 2019 at 09:49 AM

EA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Elaine Adkison - March 19, 2019 at 09:32 AM

TC

“ Tony & Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Tony & Anita Cavaliere - March 19, 2019 at 08:53 AM

JM

“ Mr. Dennis you all where like family
You will be miss Elaine, Larry and Vaughn we
love you The Jordan and Moody family



Jurica Moody - March 19, 2019 at 02:36 AM

TE

“ Tamara And Jerry Elliott lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Tamara and Jerry Elliott - March 18, 2019 at 07:47 PM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Chris Cavaliere - March 18, 2019 at 05:32 PM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Gene kelsey - March 18, 2019 at 04:00 PM

JD

“ *Jerry Deason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Jerry Deason - March 18, 2019 at 02:00 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Deason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Kathy Deason - March 18, 2019 at 01:58 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - March 18, 2019 at 11:48 AM

DV

“ Debbie (Martin) Vela lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Debbie (Martin) Vela - March 18, 2019 at 11:32 AM

GO

“ Goodspringswatersupply lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Goodspringswatersupply - March 18, 2019 at 10:48 AM

DT

“ David Tennison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



David Tennison - March 18, 2019 at 10:22 AM

TH

“ *Terrie L Harman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Terrie L Harman - March 18, 2019 at 09:40 AM

AR

“ *Colby & Amy Rockey*



Amy Rockey - March 18, 2019 at 09:14 AM

GB

“ *George Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



George Brady - March 18, 2019 at 07:24 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - March 17, 2019 at 11:28 PM

M-

“ *Condolences to the Family*



Mary Morris -Neill - March 17, 2019 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ *Sarah Johnson McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Sarah Johnson McRae - March 17, 2019 at 03:49 PM

BO

“ *Bea Ormsby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Bea Ormsby - March 17, 2019 at 01:21 PM

SS

“ *So sorry Elaine, prayers to your family, love Steven*

Steven Stuart - March 17, 2019 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ *Judy Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Judy Stokes - March 17, 2019 at 10:51 AM

PL

“ *Pandy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Pandy Lewis - March 16, 2019 at 09:41 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



pud patterson - March 16, 2019 at 01:58 PM

SO

“ *My condolences for your family in these sad times. Stephanie Green Osteen*

Stephanie Osteen - March 16, 2019 at 12:42 PM

AB

“ *Annette Burran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Annette Burran - March 16, 2019 at 12:21 PM

DF

“ *Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your dear loved one . May the promise from God at John5:28,29 to resurrect our loved ones bring comfort to the family.*

Dawson Family - March 16, 2019 at 10:53 AM

JJ

“ *Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Jake Jordan - March 16, 2019 at 10:38 AM

TV

“ *Served with Don in the 49th Armd. Div for several years and kept in contact with him afterwards. A good solider and a good friend.. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.*

Tom Vaught - March 16, 2019 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ *I've known Don Dennis for many years , he was one of the nicest friend a person could ever ask for , Rest In Peace , Don Dennis*

Margie Woolverton - March 16, 2019 at 10:17 AM

CW

“ Don was a very special member of our D.C. Distributors family for so many years. Our deepest condolences to all of you. He will be missed.

Cyndi and Johnny Walker - March 16, 2019 at 09:10 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Brent Hale - March 16, 2019 at 08:31 AM

MA

“ Mr And Mrs Willie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Mr and Mrs Willie Arnold - March 16, 2019 at 07:59 AM

RS

“ Rick Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis



Rick Sparks - March 15, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don R. Dennis*



Donna Aaron - March 15, 2019 at 07:22 PM

DO

Our thoughts and prayers to your family. All our Love Don Waggoner and Donna (Waggoner) Eddington.

Donna - March 17, 2019 at 02:25 PM