



Mr. Donald Lee Hooks

April 12, 1943 - November 26, 2021

Graveside services for Mr. Donald Lee Hooks, 78, of Northport, Alabama will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Lakewood Memorial Park with Robert Frye officiating.

Donald Lee Hooks passed away at his home in Northport, Alabama on November 26, 2021, at the age of 78.

Donald was born on April 12, 1943 in New Martinsville, West Virginia to Donald and Frankie Hooks. The Hooks family subsequently moved to Henderson in 1947. In his youth, Donald was an amateur photographer and enjoyed building and launching small rockets with friends. He was also active in Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Donald graduated from Henderson High School in 1961. He then attended Kilgore College, earning an Associate of Science degree in Engineering in 1963, followed by a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1966 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in economics in 1971, both from Texas A&M University.

While a graduate student at Texas A&M, Donald was a research assistant for the Texas Transportation Institute, 1966-1970, and then a research associate in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1971. He became a member of

Omicron Delta Epsilon, the Economics Honor Society.

In 1971 Donald joined the faculty of the University of Alabama and remained teaching at the university for 30 years, first as an Assistant Professor of Economics, and then as an Associate Professor of Economics and Director of Graduate Studies. During his tenure at the University, he taught courses in economics; published and presented his research in conference papers, journals, and book chapters, and a monograph; and was active in professional organizations.

Donald was not only a scholar, but he also enjoyed fine wines and good food. He especially enjoyed visiting the wineries in California. Donald was forced to stop teaching after suffering a stroke, but he continued his interest in economics and the stock market as long as he was able.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Frankie Hooks.

Left to honor Donald is his brother, Michael Hooks of Henderson, and several cousins.

Donald was cared for by his primary caregiver Sandra Klicker for ten years. She was later joined by Kim Wenth, Tiffany Whately, Jessica Green, Janice Hodge, and Diane Upton. They all provided excellent care and support. In his final days, Donald was in home hospice care provided by Comfort Care Hospice of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park
1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

HM

“ I am very sad to hear the news of his passing four years late. Don was my Ph.D. dissertation supervisor back in the first half of 1980s. To this day I don't forget his thoughtful inputs and humor. God Bless.

Hamid Moini - September 27, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ Mike, it made me so sad to lose Don... I cared so much for him, and enjoyed hearing his story's about teaching and his love of art... We watched the birds and squirrels on his deck, and he really enjoyed it...

I miss him and Sandra and I talk about him daily... May you rest easy knowing he was dearly loved... Kim Klicker Wenth

Kim Wenth - December 01, 2021 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ Oh Mr. Don I can't say enough about our memories in the last year. It was a joy taking care of you. I'm lost without you. I know your watching over me. We loved you as if you were our own family. My heart is so empty without you here. I know your in a better place with you mom and dad. I showed you their pictures that Mike sent often. It was my pleasure to have you in my life. Tears are rolling down my face as I try to write this. Love you Mr Don until we meet again. R.I P



Janice Hodge - November 30, 2021 at 03:31 PM

DU

“ I will miss spending time with Don, when I first started sitting with him, he talked about teaching, and also talked about a sailboat he had. He also talked to me about how he enjoyed good foods and wine. My granddaughter who is 4 thought a lot about him, she would share cookies and candy with him, (which is unusual for her) I will always remember him, and am thankful for the time I got to spend with him.

Diane Upton - November 30, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SK

“ I met Don 9 years ago, and spent part of everyday with him. He was a kind and thoughtful person, who I came to love and consider him part of my family. I miss him so much, he had a dry sense of humor, and could be so funny. I will always think of him and miss him. I am so sorry for our loss, Mike. I will be here for you in any way I can help, Sincerely, Sandra

sandra klicker - November 30, 2021 at 02:37 PM

PP

“ Pud Patteson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Hooks



pud patteson - November 30, 2021 at 10:55 AM

KG

“ Karen Hooks Gogan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Hooks



Karen Hooks Gogan - November 30, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MD

“ Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Hooks



Mary Davis - November 29, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DH

“ Donnie was a special guy, very private and very intelligent man. sorry for your loss Mike. Condolences to the family.

Denise Harris - November 28, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ Donnie and I grew up as neighbors in the Crim Crest addition, he on Morningside and I on Everside.

The Hooks family were hardworking and great role models. His dad and grandfather owned Hooks Machine Shop serving the oil patch.

Donnie was a very intelligent and studious person, characteristics that led to a brilliant academic life at the University of Alabama .

God speed neighbor and friend 🙏

Joe White, HHS Class of 1961

Joe White - November 28, 2021 at 08:37 PM