



Don Laughlin

October 16, 1931 - September 10, 2023

William "DON" Laughlin a resident of Henryetta passed this life on September 10, 2023 in Norman, Ok at the age of 91. Born October 16, 1931 in Quinton, Ok to Claude and Jalie (Wilkerson) Laughlin.

After graduating from Wilson High School, he met his wife Nellie Hughes. During his ten year military career in the Air Force, he was stationed in Japan and Greenland and served in many locations stateside. Don and Nellie moved back to Henryetta to raise their family. Don was happiest with his hands in some dirt, turning his yard and many Henryetta sites into park like settings.

Don left his mark on many places in Henryetta by having the forty-foot flagpole at the library installed with a plaque honoring the Vietnam war veterans and his dad, Claude Laughlin. He was honored to help the Friends of the Library raise funds to renovate the library building. Thanks to Ford Motor Company and Randy Thompson, all the windows were replaced with tinted windows and other improvements.

Don was very civic minded and served on the Parks Board as Chairman. His special interest was in the beautification of Nichols Park.

Don is survived by his daughter Terri Thompson and husband Rick. Son: Mike Laughlin and wife Lisa.

Grandchildren: Brandi Bland and husband James; Reid Thompson and wife Whitney; C.J. Laughlin;

Lance Laughlin; Wes Laughlin and wife Lauren

Three Great Grandchildren: Isabelle Bland, Beau Thompson and Juliet Laughlin, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Don has requested that his ashes are to be buried with his wife Nellie on their wedding anniversary.

Visitation for family and friends will be Sunday, September 17, 2023 at the Shack Restaurant (Backroom) from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Don.

Cemetery Details

Salt Creek Cemetery

Henryetta, OK 74437

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

SEP 17. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Shack
509 W Main
Henryetta, OK 74437

Tribute Wall

GW

“ It made me very sad to hear of Don's passing and Betty's as well I'm 71 years old and I'm at Don Laughlin and when I was 15 and 1969 and he gave me a job working in the restaurant but the casino stayed up there through the week went home on the weekends he was the most gracious man you ever want to know and funny oh so funny and silly he told us to go down and stand on the beach he had one of those cars you could drive into the water and it would float so here it comes down the ramp goes in the water gets halfway stuck in the car by the river and just float away he's laughing so hard he can't even get out the car it was the funniest thing ever my sympathies to all he will be greatly missed

Ginny Wallace - August 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM

KK

“ Ken And Katie lit a candle in memory of Don Laughlin



Ken and Katie - January 26, 2024 at 06:32 PM

LS

“ My name is Linda Martz and my family had moved to Bullhead City, Az. In 1961. My father , Bud Martz had odd jobs at first and then was blessed to gain employment for the NPS at Katherine's Landing. We all loved growing up there near the Colorado River and the lake . . Best childhood ever !!! But I remember my sister and I had gone to Laughlin once to have dinner and mysteriously, it was paid for by ????? We found out later Mr . Laughlin must have seen us and comped our meal . At my first opportunity, I went to speak with your father and thanked him for the lunch . He was very kind , gracious and very handsome. He said it was his pleasure . My Dad really respected him and revered him as a close friend as my Dad also worked security around the valley. May God Bless you and all your family during this most difficult time. My prayers are with you all !!!! 🌹🌸❤️❤️🙏

Linda Martz Southwell - October 24, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ He will be missed. God bless him!

Melvin Ako - October 22, 2023 at 09:57 PM

HH

“ Houston And Donna Henry lit a candle in memory of Don Laughlin



Houston and Donna Henry - September 18, 2023 at 06:12 PM

GI

“ Mike and Terri,
Sending love and condolence in your dad's passing. He truly was civic minded and exhibited the essence of American citizenship in our community.
Warmly,
Gary and Ginny Holder

ginny - September 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM

RC

“ Roberta L Clinton lit a candle in memory of Don Laughlin



Roberta L Clinton - September 13, 2023 at 04:12 PM

BA

“ Betty And Everett Allen lit a candle in memory of Don Laughlin



Betty and Everett Allen - September 12, 2023 at 07:12 AM

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“ Dear Terri and family,
I am so very sorry. Please accept my deepest and dearest condolences.
Prayers for comfort, peace, and rest for
you all in this season of grief and mourning.
SunnyCarrol

Sunny Carrol Moreno (Been) - September 11, 2023 at 06:35 PM

JH

Terri and the rest of your family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you all. May God comfort you all. Jan Hart

Janine Hart - September 13, 2023 at 08:49 AM

ML

From your many friends from Grand Junction, Co, we wish your family peace . Good memories & love r

Marie Lawson - September 14, 2023 at 05:32 PM



Jerry graham. I will miss my best friend and I am very sorry for your lost for words that are hard to find at least Don and Nellie will have there time together again.

Jerry Dean Graham - February 20, 2024 at 04:50 PM