



Don Cranford

June 4, 1941 - August 4, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Don Cranford, a beloved father and dedicated member of the Lubbock community. Don was born on June 4, 1941, in Lubbock, Texas, where he would spend his life making a lasting impact on those around him. He peacefully departed this world on August 4, 2025, at the age of 84.

Don graduated Lubbock High School in 1960 and began working at Modern Chevrolet. In 1962 he assumed the position of Assistant Data Processing Manager for the City of Lubbock, three years later he promoted to Operations Manager. In 1973 He continued his data processing path with Gibson Distributors in Dallas, TX, until he accepted a position of Lead Computer operator for the Education Service Center Region 17 in Lubbock, TX. He was promoted to Operations Supervisor after 6 years and then to Facilities Manager in 1996. He continued in that position until he retired in January 2007. He really enjoyed his time with the other employees at the Education Service Center and established life long friendships.

He was a man with many nicknames, Pops, Uncle Don, Doned, Bubba and Spud, but most people know him as Don. He would be happy to give you nickname just to kid you. During his time away from the office he enjoyed riding motorcycles across the country with close friends. He was skilled in paint and body and a good mechanic. He was able to work on almost any

vehicle and he always finished the project. One of his favorite hobbies was spending time with his brother and best friend working on vehicles and attending swap meets. He was a lover of people and would go out of his way to make you smile or give you a hand. After retirement he mostly enjoyed spending time with his family, his long time partner Retha House and her family.

He is survived by his cherished son, Cory Cranford, daughter-in-law, Stacy Cranford, Grandchildren, Hannah Cranford and Dylan Cranford, Sister Charlotte Waters of Conroe, and the Jon House family. Don was preceded in death by his Father, Morris Cranford, Mother, Inez Cranford, Brother, Morris Cranford Jr., and by his long time partner Retha House. Don's love, warmth and wit for family and friends alike will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held on August 16, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where family and friends will gather to honor and celebrate Don's life. Prior to the service, a visitation will take place at Sanders Memorial Chapel on August 15, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, allowing loved ones to share their memories and express their condolences.

Following the funeral, Don will be laid to rest at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, located at 2011 E 31st Street, Lubbock, TX 79404. In this time of grief, we invite everyone to join us in remembering a remarkable man whose kindness and generosity touched the lives of many.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Don Cranford's spirit will forever live on in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7702 Indiana Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79423

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Cranford



Sanders Funeral Home - August 07, 2025 at 03:14 PM

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“ I am lucky to have a part of Don's life. He had lots of neat toys, and it took me 4 years to talk him into parting with his Corvette. He was working on it and making it better for me, and now i treasure this keepsake.



Rick Kirkpatrick - August 15, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Connie Griffin purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Don Cranford.



Connie Griffin - August 14, 2025 at 01:56 PM



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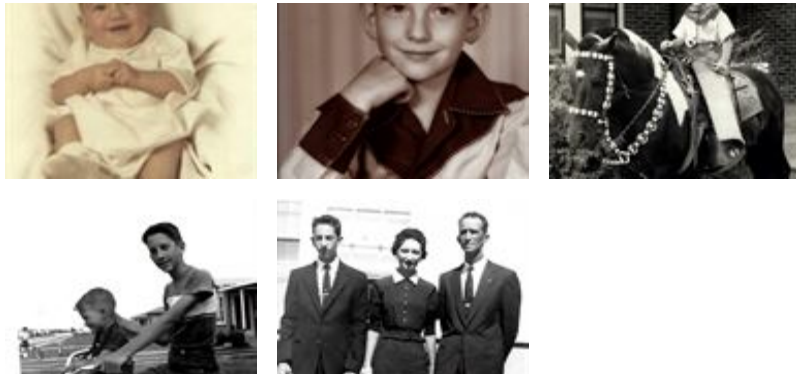
“ Don was a goofball and feisty. All thought I knew him a short time, I saw his love of motorcycles and family. He was a fighter with a big heart! May he RIP and his family know he's off riding his motorcycle watching over them



Shelly S - August 07, 2025 at 02:35 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - August 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM

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“ I worked with Don at ESC17 for ten years. Don was always friendly and always had a joke or something to playfully 'rib you about'. His pleasant personality and friendship made my time there so very pleasant. Don was one of those friends you could always count on - If you needed something, just ask and he would make every effort to help you out. I shall miss my good friend Don!!

Pete Lewis - August 07, 2025 at 10:18 AM