



## Donald Lee Roark

June 26, 1945 - December 27, 2016

### Donald Lee Roark

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Donald (Don) Lee Roark, 71, of Lubbock, Texas went to be with his heavenly Father on Dec. 27, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2016 at Christ the King Cathedral.

Don was born on June 26, 1945 in Wellington, Texas. After graduating from high school, he moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. Don then began working behind the counter at Hester Hardware. His love for his customers and the small business eventually turned into ownership. Don was president of Hester Hardware for more than 25 years. He married his love, Billie Mullins, (Miss Bill) on August 8 of 1970. Most recently he served as director of customer relations for FirstBank & Trust, doing what he loved best, cooking and entertaining for hundreds of businesses and organizations across west Texas.

Blessed with a servant's heart, Don is remembered by those who knew and loved him, as a friend who would gladly give you the shirt off his back. He was dad to both Kirk and Kristi but known as a "second father" to many of their friends. An avid hunter and fisherman, Don was happiest behind a grill, surrounded by friends and family.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Robert Roark; mother, Lola, and step-father, J.J. Roan, John W. Roark, his brother, and sister, Mary Ann Rogers. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Billie of Lubbock, son Kirk of

Lubbock, daughter Kristi and her husband Jay Dee Denton of Flower Mound, sister Linda and brother-in-law, Mark Yager of Boulder, CO, and brother Robert (Lonnie) Roark of Lubbock. "DaDon" was the proud grandfather of two precious grandchildren, Jace Don and Kate Elaine Denton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Texas Tech Red Raider Baseball via the Red Raider Club at P.O. Box 45055, Lubbock, Texas 79409, or the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research at P.O. Box 41071, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ The King Cathedral  
4011 54th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79413

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.* ”



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December 30, 2016 at 12:42 AM



“ *Linda Crownover lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark* ”



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**Linda Crownover** - December 29, 2016 at 10:35 PM



*Don always had a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Linda Crownover** - December 29, 2016 at 10:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.* ”



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December 29, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



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December 29, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ *Marka Roark lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark*



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**Marka Roark** - December 29, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



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December 29, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *David and Don purchased the Magnificent Life S pray for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



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**David and Don** - December 29, 2016 at 12:58 PM

PS

“ *Prairie Trail Elementary Staff purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



Prairie Trail Elementary Staff - December 29, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ *My memories of Don are back in the day. He was such a nice and friendly guy! Always was very sweet to me! I am so sad to hear the news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Billie and the family. I am so sorry for your enormous loss.*

Erin Burgess - December 29, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ *Erin Burgess lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark*



Erin Burgess - December 29, 2016 at 12:45 PM

NR

“ *Nat & Eloise Romo purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



Nat & Eloise Romo - December 29, 2016 at 11:54 AM

GW

“ Greg And Evelyn Wood lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark



Greg and Evelyn Wood - December 29, 2016 at 11:47 AM

GW

RIP Brother

Greg & Evelyn Wood - December 29, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.



December 29, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.



December 29, 2016 at 11:05 AM

BW

“ *Billy Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark*



**Billy Wilkerson** - December 29, 2016 at 09:34 AM

AL

“ *Alberto purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



**Alberto** - December 29, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 11:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 10:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 10:39 PM



“ *Marty & Amy Klindt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



**Marty & Amy Klindt** - December 28, 2016 at 10:17 PM

GW

“ *No! He was soo sweet. Gave me a tequila bottle I love. Prayers to the family.*

**Gina Witten** - December 28, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



December 28, 2016 at 09:25 PM

SS

“ *Have loved knowing the Roark family for many many years. Don's mother, and my mother, lived at Elmbrook Assisted Living (at the same time) for several years. I often saw Don there and was very impressed by his devotion to his mother and how often he was there to spend time with her! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Billie. Love, Sandi Sitton*



**Sandi Sitton** - December 28, 2016 at 09:25 PM

KF

“ *Ken Files and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



**Ken Files and Family** - December 28, 2016 at 09:20 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer Branson Johnston lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark



Jennifer Branson Johnston - December 28, 2016 at 09:17 PM

JK

Our hearts go out to Billi, Kristi and family. We will keep you in our prayers. Jan and Bob Kuzniar

jan and Bob Kuzniar - December 29, 2016 at 08:13 AM

TM

“ Missing you Daddy Don. So many wonderful memories from 79th street and beyond. You helped to make my childhood magical and you loved me like I was your own. R I P Don. You are loved by so many and you touched so many lives in many ways. My prayers and thoughts are with Billie, Kirk, Kritter, JD, Jace and Kate. My love to you all!

Tracy Madans - December 28, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.



December 28, 2016 at 08:30 PM

EM

“ Don was a true friend.. going back to the days at the hardware store on 34th. he will be greatly missed by many many folks.

Ed Mooney - December 28, 2016 at 08:28 PM

AS

“ Allison Sheeler lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Roark



Allison Sheeler - December 28, 2016 at 08:02 PM

JR

“ Joe and Stephanie Robertson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Roark.



Joe and Stephanie Robertson - December 28, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.



December 28, 2016 at 07:39 PM

LT

“ *My prayers are with you! So sorry for your loss but heavens gain.*  
*Lisa Trout*

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**Lisa Trout** - December 28, 2016 at 07:31 PM

GB

“ *We will never forget the time we spent in Riodosa, NM with Don and Miss Bill, Boat Billy and Brenda, Jerry and Cindi, and Perry and Karen. It was a fun time!!!*



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**Gaylon Wayne Blair** - December 28, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Roark.*



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December 28, 2016 at 07:03 PM

MT

“ *You will be greatly missed. I will never forget the good ole days at the Polo Club. Just know Billie, Kirk and Kristi that you are in my prayers. R.I.P. Don.*

*Mike and Retha Truelove*

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**Mike Truelove** - December 28, 2016 at 06:22 PM