



Donald Everett Woodard

March 27, 1936 - January 23, 2024

Donald (Don) Everett Woodard, 87 of Rusk, passed away January 23, 2024 in Rusk, TX. He was born March 27, 1936 in Ruston, LA to Mannie W Woodard and Lessie Wilber Giles Woodard. "Donnie" as he was known, then graduated from Rusk High School in 1954; Texas A&M, Class of 1958 with his degree in Industrial Technology. He entered into service with the US Army in 1959 as an officer. He met Bonnie Dean Floyd in 1959 on a blind date. They both knew right off that they would be married and he soon asked her what she was doing on December 27, 1959. They were married on that day at Glenwood Methodist Church in Tyler. Don worked as a Quality Assurance Engineer for several companies across the United States, from Tyler to California, to Illinois to Minnesota. He would retire on Sept. 7, 2001 and choose to immediately move back to Rusk. During his retirement, he was very involved in the First Baptist Church in Rusk. He enjoyed volunteering for committees and working around the church. Mr. Woodard always kept his education up to date. He received his Masters in Quality Control as soon as it was offered. In fact he was the 5th person in the United States to receive his Masters in Quality Control. He also earned his Masters Degree in Business Administration while they were living in California. The importance that he placed on education showed his children how important that education and pursuing a degree is in life.

Mr. Woodard is survived by his wife: Bonnie Woodard of Rusk; son: Everett Woodard of Needville, TX; daughter: Leslie Ann Schobernd and husband

Michael of Brighton, IL; grandchildren: Blake Durham and wife Katye, Connor Schobernd, Chasidy Metz and husband Bryan, Crystal Schobernd, Jonathan Schobernd; two great granddaughters; one great grandson; sister-in-law: Mary Ann Woodard; one niece; two nephews; as well as a number of extended family members. Don is preceded in death by his parents; brother: Reagan Neil Woodard; and niece: Karen Woodard.

A celebration of Mr. Woodard's life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 29, 2024 at the First Baptist Church, 372 East 4th Street, Rusk, TX with Pastor Brian Givens and Rev. Jacob Fitzgerald officiating. There will be a time for visiting with his family from 1 to 2:00 p.m. at the church before the services. Interment will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk. Pallbearers will be: Everett Woodard, Reagan Woodard, Greg Woodard, Mike Schobernd, Blake Durham, Doug Coffman. Honorary Pallbearers will be his classmates from the Rusk High School Class of 1954. Services are entrusted to Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk, TX.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery
Rusk, TX 75785

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
372 E. 4th Street
Rusk, Texas 75785
(903) 683-5494

Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
372 E. 4th Street
Rusk, Texas 75785
(903) 683-5494

Tribute Wall

PK

“ Pete Koplos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Everett Woodard.

Pete Koplos - January 29, 2024 at 12:47 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Everett Woodard.



January 29, 2024 at 12:47 AM

LR

“ Lisa and Reagan purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Donald Everett Woodard.



Lisa and Reagan - January 28, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LR

“ Lisa and Reagan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Everett Woodard.

Lisa and Reagan - January 28, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ 87 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home - January 28, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Everett Woodard.



January 27, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ Your O.S.I. and GLS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Everett Woodard.

Your O.S.I. and GLS Family - January 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

YF

“ *Your O.S.I. and GLS Family purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Donald Everett Woodard.*



Your O.S.I. and GLS Family - January 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

JC

“ *Janice Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Donald Woodard*



Janice and Ronnie Choate - January 25, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LU

“ *Love, St. John's UCC-Midway purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Donald Everett Woodard.*



Love, St. John's UCC-Midway - January 25, 2024 at 03:57 PM