



Jerry Lynn Donaho

October 9, 1941 - June 20, 2014

Jerry Lynn Donaho, 72, born October 9, 1941, passed away into perfect life with our Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, June 20, 2014. Born to Eddie and Gladys Donaho, he learned the value of hard work and helping neighbors on their small farm south of Corsicana.

Raised in Retreat and schooled in Corsicana ISD, he enjoyed most the simple things in life like fishing, riding motorcycles, baseball, reading, and listening to country western music. He leaves a community richer than he found it, after coaching little league at Beebee Field, serving in many homes as a Southwestern Bell telephone lineman, and ushering at Wesley Methodist Church until his health declined. Many many now know that he was well known for perfect attendance at both school and work, receiving a certificate for 15 years without a missed day for Ma Bell, or turning down a supervisor's position to allow his kids to grow up in a small town. Having lost his own father at eight, he secretly devoted many hard-earned dollars to Boys' Homes. His special affinities were PBS Mysteries, Lonesome Dove quotations, the Civil War, and country western lyrics. He enjoyed his Telephone Family, and those who were nicknamed by him were loved and cherished; he nicknamed every one and had a story to follow about how the individual was special.

"Storeroom" anecdotes will be cherished by his children's children for many years to come. He found a way to give the little moments in life a memorable impact with humor.

Preceding Jerry in death were his parents, Eddie and Gladys Donaho, and siblings, Eddie Leon Donaho, Herman Neil Donaho and Meryl Ann Donaho Collins.

He leaves behind the love of his life, wife of 52 years, Marjorie Nell McMillan Donaho, his "favorite" daughter, Lisa Donaho West and son in love, Joe M. West, Jr, his "favorite" son Kelly and daughter in love, Claudia Donaho. He adored his grandsons, Joe Connor West, Jack Thomas Donaho and Will Ethan Donaho. Sister in law Elanor Johnston Donaho, Sister in law Polly and husband Gurley Howell, brothers in law Lawrence McMillan and wife Doris, Leslie "Butch" McMillan and wife Clara Jo are all left to grieve his loss. He cherished his many Donaho-McMillan nieces and nephews and was so happy to catch up with them at Christmas and Family Reunions these last few years.

Due to his express wishes to "keep it simple", Jerry will be cremated and memorialized at a later date. Visitation will be at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The family sends grateful thanks to Dr. James Boehrer, for 14 years of excellent post-transplant care, and the team of caregivers at UTSWestern-St. Paul Hospital for 15+ years of coordination. Words cannot do justice for the organ donor's family, who selflessly gave us these extra miracle years with our beloved Dad and Paw-Paw. More recently, the wonderful help of Cedar Creek Lake Hospice has been invaluable during time of struggle and pain as we learn to let him go. Our hearts, and his, have been filled.

Special neighbors, Don Adams, Preston Bonner and George Winningham, have our deepest gratitude for the friendship and help they have given Jerry for many good years.

In lieu of flowers, one may donate to Corsicana Salvation Army, Navarro

County Food Pantry, Corsicana Public Library, Southwestern Transplant Alliance or the charity of your choice. A memorial will be planned at a later date when more Telephone Family members can be reached.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Lynn Donaho*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Condolences to Jerry's family. I knew Jerry only from family history research.*

Jerry N. Donaho - Sulphur Springs, Tx

Jerry N Donaho - August 29, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ *What a handsome man; in reading about Mr. Donaho, I now know why Lisa is so amazing! His daughter, Lisa and I were fast friends from our early start at Fannin Elementary to our graduation from CHS in 1982. Lisa is more like a sister than a classmate. During this time, Lisa and I are both grieving the loss of a loved one - her beloved father, Jerry Lynn Donaho, and my older brother, Marcus Tarbutton. May God's guidance continue to shine through ourselves and within families.*

Jo Ella Tarbutton-Springfield (CHS 1982)

Jo Ella Tarbutton-Springfield - June 26, 2014 at 08:32 PM



Jo Ella, you are a dear, dear Friend, and so devoted are the ways in which you help others during times of grief! Let me join in your prayer that God guides and comforts us, and allows us the strength to be a comfort to our families. Love you, Amazing Woman!

lisa west - June 29, 2014 at 09:40 AM

RP

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Jerry. He and I were classmates at CHS and both were graduated in the class of 1960. Jerry was my friend at CHS and we engaged in some very pleasant interactions as part of our role as students. Jerry was a great guy who related well to other students and everyone seemed to have a pleasant view of Jerry. I will sorely miss him but will have delightful memories of him.

Dr. Roberto Moreno

Roberto Moreno, Ph.D. - June 25, 2014 at 02:52 PM

LW

Thank you, Dr. Moreno, for sharing these precious memories. You have provided a blessing and comfort to us for many days to come. God bless you, and I am so glad you were friends with our dad. (If you know anything about the outhouse on the front steps, please be informed that he took that info with him, though we have suspected for many years.) Much love to you, Sr, and Godspeed.

Lisa West - June 27, 2014 at 10:23 AM

DD

“ *Our deepest condolences to Aunt Margie, Lisa and Kelly. I'll never forget how wonderful and loving Uncle Jerry was. Love to you all, Donna (McMillan) and Larry Daniels.*

Donna Daniels - June 23, 2014 at 09:28 PM

LW

Dearest Donna and Larry, your thoughts and prayers, and sweet memories mean so much to us. He was a very loving man, and we are all so fortunate to have been blessed these many years. We love you, and wanted you to know how much this meant to us!

Lisa West - June 27, 2014 at 10:25 AM

SJ

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Donaho family. Jerry worked with my father Leon Hennig for many years. I remember this man always had a smile and the best laugh. Prayers be with all of you at this time. Sharon Hennig Johnson

sharon johnson - June 22, 2014 at 08:08 AM

LW

Hi Sharon, I never met your dad, but feel as though I know him because of the many stories Dad shared with us throughout the years. Dad explained that many "managers" came through SWBell, but very few "leaders." Your dad was in the leader category, and my dad revered him. That he told you Dad worked "with" him, rather than "for" him is evidence of what a great teambuilder Mr. Hennig must have been! I hate I did not get to make his acquaintance. You must be very proud! Thank you for sharing this sweet memory. We will cherish it for years to come.

Lisa West - June 27, 2014 at 10:30 AM

LW

“ Oh Daddy, thank you for teaching me to ride a bike, play catch and bait a hook. I saw another daddy watching his little girl ride her bicycle down the sidewalk on Bowie Drive the other day. The memory of that gorgeous purple bike with the flowered basket came rushing back. "You can do it! Pedal now!" What a great dad you were. Rounding third in a championship game--learning to shift gears on the incline at Northside Baptist--watching CCR and Benny Hill on 13. Thank you for teaching me to treat people well regardless their background. And the value of hard work. And being real. Nothing can replace such great times. They are as permanent as the assurance that I will see you again soon. I thank Jesus for taking your hand and pulling you up out of a body that just could not keep up with your clever mind. I love and miss you, and will see you again. Say Hello to all of our family and friends for me. ---Your Favorite Daughter

Lisa West - June 21, 2014 at 07:41 PM

EW

“ Thoughts, prayers and love going out to you and your family, Lisa. Your dad, like mine, will always live in your heart and the memories will be cherished.



E. Walker - June 21, 2014 at 04:46 PM

LW

Oh Lainy, this has been a rough, rough two weeks, and knowing you and Ed were there praying for us has been such a comfort. The Garden Basket is absolutely gorgeous! I really wish our dads had known each other; there are so many similarities in how they lived their lives! What joy that we had them while we did! Love you so much!

Lisa West - June 27, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Lynn Donaho.



June 21, 2014 at 04:41 PM