



## Donald L. Martray

August 17, 1935 - June 23, 2023

Donald Lewis Martray, 87, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Friday, June 23 2023 with his loving family at this side. He was born August 17, 1935 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania to Anthony J. and Frances (Gioia) Martray where he attended public school. While in high school Don was a standout center and linebacker on the football team playing for the Cokers. He was an All-County as a center in 1952 and 1953. He was also UPI honorable mention and All-State in 1952 and UPI third team All-State in 1953. When Martray graduated from Connellsville in 1954 he began his college career at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. While there, he made his mark as a center and linebacker for the Indians. He was named outstanding freshman and honorable mention All-Conference center in 1955 and 1956.

Don's plan to move on from Bacone College was halted when he was drafted. He served his country as a member of the United States Army until 1960, receiving an honorable discharge.

Don married the love of his life, Frances Shaver, on January 17, 1957 in Muskogee. They shared more than 65 years of life, marriage and memories together until Frances passed on June 5, 2022.

Having started a life with Frances, Don began a 19-year career as fireman. As a side business, he owned Martray's Paint and Body Shop.

Don remained involved in sports where he started a Paul Young football league. He coached the Chiefs team for 20 years. He also coached little league baseball in Muskogee for many years.

Don will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Frances Martray; wife, Frances Martray; sister, Frances Gebadlo; great-grandson, Oliver Childers; and his beloved dog, Rocky I.

Don is survived by his sons, Tony Martray and wife Teresa of Catoosa, David Martray and wife Rhonda of Muskogee; his daughter, Terri Childers and husband Marc of Broken Arrow; grandchildren, Eric Martray and wife Isabel, Amy Hawke and husband Jonathan, Bryan Martray and wife Shanna, Lindsay Bauer and husband Ryan, Taylor Childers and husband Tyler, Jake Childers and wife Madelyn; great-grandchildren, Italo Martray, Aubrielle Hawke, Parker Hawke, Blakely Hawke, Jayden Martray, Josiah Martray, Molly Martray, Elizabeth Bauer, Vivienne Bauer, and Eleanor Bauer; his beloved dog, Rocky II; along with other family members.

The family would like to express a very special "Thank You" to Gennie Hearn for the love and care shown to Don.

Don's life will be celebrated at 2PM, Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Ryan Bauer officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Firefighters honors being presented. Bryan Martray, Tyler Childers, Eric Martray, Jonathan Hawke, Jake Childers and Ryan Bauer will be serving as pallbearers.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Family to greet friends

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Service

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403



# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Martray*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My condolences. I read the article in February 2023 edition of the Uniontown HeraldStandard about Don Martray. What intrigued me was reading about Bacone College in Muskogee Oklahoma. My dad, from Perryopolis PA, also went there in 1955. I found this photo in an old scrapbook. It is a picture from Bacone college. My dad, Bill 'Doc' Oldham, is number 81 in this photo. Don is #60. Just thought your family might enjoy this photo.*



Tom Oldham - July 27, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Martray.*



June 27, 2023 at 09:57 PM



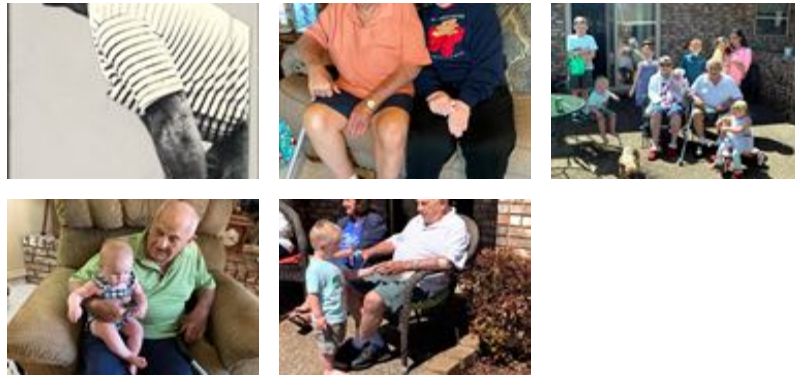
“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Martray.*



June 27, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *96 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - June 27, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Barbara N. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Donald L. Martray.*



**Barbara N.** - June 27, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald L. Martray.*



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June 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM