



Donald E. Nicholson

April 15, 1935 - September 30, 2016

Donald E. Nicholson, 81, a longtime resident of Muskogee, entered Heaven's gates Friday, September 30, 2016, with his wife and children by his side. He was born April 5, 1935 in Henryetta, OK to Roy E. and Helen M. (Willets) Nicholson. He grew up and attended the public schools in Henryetta and graduated with the class of 1953. He attended the college division of Oklahoma A&M Tech in Okmulgee. Don then enlisted in the United States Air Force Cadet training program. He served one tour of duty during the Suez Canal Crisis, receiving an honorable discharge in 1957. He furthered his education at N.E.O. A&M and Tulsa University.

On December 23, 1956, Don married the love of his life, Gloria Ann Weber, in Henryetta, OK. Together they celebrated almost 60 years of life and happy marriage together and raised four children. They are active members at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Over the years Don served as Chairman of the Missions Committee, along with several other committees at St. Paul.

His professional career was spent working with Roadway Express, Incorporated, beginning as a Rate Clerk and ending his career as a Terminal Manager. He managed terminals in Austin and Paris, Texas, as well as Muskogee. Don worked with Roadway for over 35 years and retired in 1992. Don will always be remembered for being very civic minded. He was active with the Evening Lions Club, Kiwanis, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Board Member of Neosho District BSA, Vintage Triumph Register Association, and Muskogee Cooperative Ministries (MCM) Community Food Pantry

Coordinator (of which he served 2000-2010). Don was named MCM Volunteer of the Year in June 2010. He enjoyed working with these organizations, never meeting a stranger. Family and kindness to his fellow man were especially important to Don. He loved spending time with his family and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Helen Nicholson; his brother, Bill Nicholson; his sisters, Dorothy Brandon, Alice Capps, Inez Johnson and Peggy Jackson.

Don is survived by his wife Gloria of the home; his daughters, Angie McElroy and her husband Tom, Alyssa Heidrich and her husband Greg, and Amy Wilcox and her husband Jim; his son, Don Nicholson and his wife Sylvia; grandchildren, Stephanie and Phillip Bentley, Daniel and Angie McElroy, Joshua McElroy, Elizabeth and Jon Shafer, Thomas and Katie Heidrich, Joseph Heidrich, Sarah Wilcox, Jack Wilcox and Sam Wilcox, Megan Nicholson and Ryan Nicholson; great grandchildren, Gabe and Maddy Bentley, James and Ben McElroy; other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at Cornerstone Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A celebration of Don's life will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, October 3, 2016 at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Reverend David Burris officiating. The interment will be a private family service at Greenhill Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be Blessings Sunday School class friends Steve Crank, Jim Davis, Bob Gallagher, Ted Hine, Weldon Key, Clarence Mayberry, and Omar Reed.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church Mission Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

OCT 3. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2130 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Private Family Interment

OCT 3 (CT)

Greenhill Cemetery
1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Nicholson*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

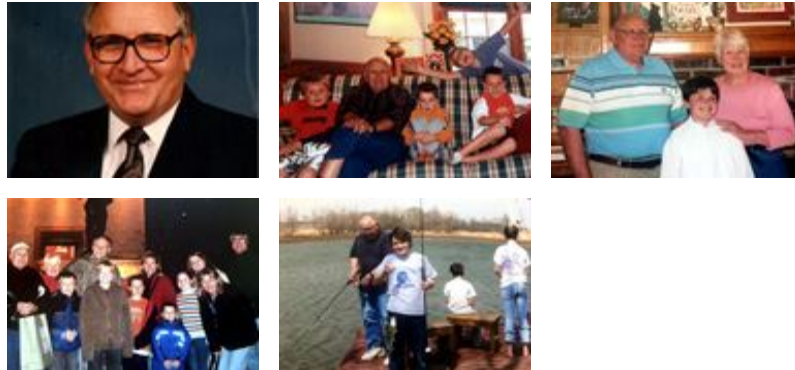


“ *Dear Gloria, Corky and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember Don with a sweet smile on his face and a gentle kindness. He left a beautiful legacy of children and grandchildren. Much love and peace to you all.*

Mary Cagle - October 04, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - October 02, 2016 at 12:44 PM

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Gloria, Our hearts and prayers go out to your family. We will always remember how Don and St. Paul UMC crew blessed upon moving to Muskogee.

Louise Howard - October 07, 2016 at 12:43 AM

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“ *The Vedder Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald E. Nicholson.*



The Vedder Family - October 02, 2016 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Gloria and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Don will be sorely missed by so many. Please know that I will lift you in prayer and that you will find comfort in one another and your faith.*

Linda Morgan Clark

Linda - October 01, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Donald E. Nicholson.*



October 01, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald E. Nicholson.*



October 01, 2016 at 11:26 AM