



Donald Ray Strickland

March 6, 1940 - September 16, 2022

Donald Ray Strickland, 82, of Aubrey, TX, passed away Friday, September 16, 2022. He was born March 6, 1940 in Navo Community, TX to Oliver and Nellie Mae (Griffin) Strickland. Donald married Julia Ann Roberts in Dallas, TX on April 16, 1960.

Donald is survived by his sons, David Strickland and wife Anita of Denton, TX and Bobby Strickland and wife Melanie of Beeville, TX; daughters, Melissa Clayton and husband Greg of Pilot Point, TX and Donalee Gibson and husband Rick of Amarillo, TX; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; two nieces; two nephews; and special friend, Betty McCoslin of Aubrey, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Nellie; wife, Julia; daughter, Christy Strickland; and two brothers, Glenn and Everett Strickland.

Donald was a long-time member of New Hope Baptist Church in Aubrey where he served for many years greeting members and visitors alike, always with a smile and a firm handshake. He was loved by many.

Visitation will be held 11:15AM-12:00PM, Saturday, September 24, 2022 at New Hope Baptist Church in Aubrey, TX and the memorial service will begin 12:00PM with Aaron Ashlock and Brandon Henderson officiating. Private

interment is at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Belew Cemetery

9500 Belew Road
Aubrey, TX 76227

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
5800 US-377
Aubrey, TX 76227
connect@newhopeaubrey.com
<https://www.newhopeaubrey.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have such sweet memories of Don & Julia from my childhood years at University Baptist Church. They were always serving - Julia in the nursery & Don greeting, setting up, Deacon, doing whatever needed to be done. He ALWAYS had a precious, welcoming smile. (His daughter, my friend, Melissa, inherited this trait ❤️) He was a most gentle, kind, Godly family man. I know he loved well & was loved well by his family. Melissa & Family- I know your hearts are so sad at your present loss on this side of heaven, but I know you also have the unsurpassed joy & confidence that only Christ can give - in knowing Don is realizing wholeness & celebration now with our Father & Lord - as can never be achieved on this Earth. You are in my thoughts & prayers. I love you, sweet childhood friend, Melissa.

Tonya Riney-Schwolert - September 23, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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I love you too! Sorry it took me so long to see this. This is beautiful.

Melissa Clayton - May 22, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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“ Don could easily be Called the face of New Hope. He stood faithfully at the doors greeting all those who entered our church family, with a smile and sweet handshake or hug. His gentle way was so calming and welcoming. He loved Jesus, that was evident in the way he loved others and served in the church. I will miss him so much but I'm so glad I got to know him for the time I have been here at New Hope. I'm comforted to know he belongs to Jesus and is now seeing Him face to face.

Rhoda - September 20, 2022 at 07:19 PM



Gram (Lurlene)

Don was loved by so many -family and friends. He became part of my family when his daughter married my son. Although they were married a few short years, I was very fond of Don and the whole family. I felt very close to Don and enjoyed our visits when we had the chance. I will remember him in my thoughts. I am happy to know that he rests in peace with our Lord and his family and friends that have gone before him. May the Lord continue to bless his family left on this earth and give them peace at this time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lurlene Villarreal - September 24, 2022 at 01:38 AM