



Don Handley

1953-2020

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A memorial service for Don Handley, 67, of Paradise, will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, at First Baptist Church in Boyd, officiated by Bro. Terry Terry. Don went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 6, 2020, at home, after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 21, 1953, in Superior, Wis., to James and Edna Ruth (Lemery) Handley. On Oct. 1, 1971, Don married the love of his life, Donna Lynn Carroll. The family moved to Wise County in 1983 where Don served the community he loved for 35 years as the owner of Don's A/C Service, Inc.

He served as an active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Boyd. Always a people person, Don would greet everyone at church with a handshake or a hug and would give generously to anyone in need.

Don was a hardworking man but always found time for his family. He adored each of his children and grandchildren and praised them for their uniqueness.

He had a passion for airplanes. He was a pilot and also had a love for remote-controlled airplanes.

As husband, father and employer, he believed in second chances. At the same time, he presented a standard of excellence that he followed and expected the same from others.

Don is survived by his wife of 48 years, Donna Handley of Paradise; children Chad Handley and wife, Angela, Maranda Tupper and husband, Chris and J.D. Handley and wife, Brenda, all of Paradise; sisters Edna Harvison of Springtown, Martha Johns of Burleson and Donna Dickerson of Paradise; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Edna Handley; and brother Jerry Handley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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