



Donald "Don" Ray Hevener

July 19, 1946 - November 25, 2016

Donald Ray Hevener, 70, of Gentry, Arkansas, died November 25, 2016, at his home. Born July 19, 1946, in Staunton, Virginia, he was the son of Fillmer Hevener and Estie C. (Harper) Hevener. He and Eva Gill were married April 16, 1967. Don spent many years in education serving as a teacher, principal and superintendent in the states of Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana and Colorado. He was a member of Gentry Seventh Day Adventist Church and Tired Iron of the Ozarks Club. Most of all he loved his family, he showed that by being a loving husband and father and loved his grandchildren beyond measure.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Dorothy McGuire. Survivors include his wife Eva of the home; daughter Susan Campbell and husband Sam of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; son Alan Hevener and wife Cammi of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; five grandchildren Joe Campbell and wife Laura, Gabrielle Campbell, Conner Ray Campbell, Halle Hevener and Mia Hevener; his brother Dr. Fillmer Hevener and wife Celia of Farmville, Virginia; and a host of other family members.

No services are planned at this time. Donations may be made to the Ozark Adventist School Worthy Student Fund, 21150 Dawn Hill East Road, Gentry, Arkansas, 72734.

Tribute Wall

SM

“*Eva, Alan & Susie - We were so saddened to hear about Don. He was such a good friend to me. Immediately, my mind relived so many of the great times that we have shared with your family. Thinking many many years back, as our friendship started in Fort Smith and continued to Shreveport and then to Gentry, I feel so blessed to have worked with you and Don in different capacities and to share fun times with our kids and extended families. Don always brought optimism and a positive attitude with him wherever he was, and it makes me smile just to remember how he loved to tease and joke. He was good at that. It was also very obvious how he loved serving the Lord, loved his family and how he helped so many others in their own spiritual growth.*

Eva, you have a great husband. Alan and Susie, you have a wonderful father. Know that all of your family is in our prayers. We look forward with you to the Lord's return when we will see Don and all of our loved ones again.

*Our love,
Sam & Mary Lou*

Sam & Mary Lou Minten - November 29, 2016 at 02:40 PM

CS

“ Donald Ray, as we grew up calling him, was such a happy person whenever you would see him. His smile was contagious. He almost always called me Charlie which was what my dad used to call me as a kid. I have always enjoyed hearing him and my brother Larry talk about their fun times together growing up and the mischievous things they would get into--especially playing Rook against Uncle Fill & Aunt Estie. I'm so grateful for his, Eva's and Susie's visit to Virginia just a few months ago and for them taking time to stop by to see my sister Sherry before she passed in August.

Eva, Susie, Allen, and families, my heart goes out to you all and I pray for comfort during this time, especially as the Christmas holiday approaches. Take hold of all the wonderful memories and the hope of Jesus' glorious appearing and the great resurrection day! John 11:25, 26

*Love you all,
Charlene Sheffer*

Charlene Sheffer - November 29, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Hevener.



November 28, 2016 at 10:12 PM

DS

“ Donald Ray, as I knew him, was my best friend--and at times, mentor--as we grew up on adjoining farms near Stovers Shop, Churchville, Virginia. Even as a young boy he was a source of stability, wisdom, and information on "stuff" to me. One of our favorite activities was knocking down hornet nests on the buildings around his home place and running like the wind to avoid getting stung. He was also a great explorer companion as we covered all the ground around our homes...finding old graveyards buried in the woods behind his home. He and I reconnected briefly in the early 1980's when I lived in New Orleans and he came down to a conference there (from Fort Smith, AK, I think). Turning back to that part of our lives is healing. I pray all of those who loved him will be comforted,

Don (nie) Shiflet - November 28, 2016 at 10:27 AM

LF

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.

Loree Foreman - November 29, 2016 at 01:02 PM

EW

*I was saddened to learn of Don's passing. He was a genuine friend. I look forward to our reunion when Jesus comes.
Eunice R. Warfield*

Eunice Warfield - November 29, 2016 at 06:37 PM

DW

“ Doug Webb lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Ray Hevener



doug webb - November 27, 2016 at 07:49 AM

JJ

“ *Eva and family, I was so saddened by the news that Don had passed away. He was such a great friend to me and my family. I will never forget the camping trips, day trip adventures, and other fun times we spent together. Those are some good memories for sure. Thanks too for the times when you stood with me and encouraged me when there were problems to deal with. I love you all. God will continue to bless you as you follow him. Jim Jensen.*

Jim Jensen - November 26, 2016 at 03:42 PM