



Don Wayne Stansel

September 1, 1944 - December 3, 2013

Services for Don Wayne Stansel, 69, of Bullard, will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Bishop Brent Hill officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Stansel passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at The Hospice of East Texas.

He was born September 1, 1944 in Greenville to Merle and Tennie Clay Stansel.

He graduated from Greenville High School in 1962 and East Texas State University in 1967 and was a Kappa Alpha. Don joined the Marines and served proudly during Vietnam from 1967 to 1973. Don married the love of his life, Diana on March 31, 1971. Later that year he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on August 12, 1971 and their marriage was sealed for time and eternity on July 15, 1983 at the Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Stansel and his brother were owners of the Hot Biscuit restaurants. Later he worked as Regional Manager of Ralph and Kakoo's Steak and Seafood and Café Del Rio Mexican restaurants.

Don was a member of the Jaycees, Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He enjoyed time spent gardening with his wife. He and his daughter solved many of lives complications while riding in the golf cart. Time spent with his

family was extremely special to him, especially with his grandson, Griffin cleaning the golf cart, golfing and fishing.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Pope and Jeanie Green.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 43 years, Diana Stansel of Bullard; daughter, Tisha J. Stansel of Flint; son, Robert Stansel of Colorado; grandchildren, Griffin Wayne Stansel of Flint and Baily, Preston and Garrett Stansel of Colorado; brother, Dan J. Stansel and wife Shirley and their daughter, Carrie L. Stansel and mother-in-law, Jean Bednarz.

Pallbearers will be Dan Stansel, Don Burdette, Kevin Burdette, Jimmy Zahirniak, John Corley, Christopher Cafiero, Everett Nix, Doug Clothier.

Honorary pallbearer will be grandson, Griffin Stansel.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701 or the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Hearfelt prayers for Don's family and for Dan and his family. This is a most difficult time, but praying for God's angels to surround you all with peace and comfort ... Don has only gone ahead to lead the way.*

Carolyn (Peterson) Beauchamp

Carolyn (Peterson) Beauchamp - December 06, 2013 at 02:03 PM

BP

“ *My heart goes out to your family.*

Becca Rice Powell - December 05, 2013 at 10:05 AM

DF

“ *We've lost a good friend, co-worker, and a wonderful man. We will dearly miss you. God bless your family.*

David Fairchild and Staff of Ralph & Kacoo's Lufkin.

David Fairchild - December 05, 2013 at 09:26 AM

GP

“ *TISH AND DIANE,
I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR FAMILY LOSING DON, MAY GOD
BLESS YOU NOW AND THE DAYS AHEAD, MAY HIS PEACE
OVERCOME AND THE BURDEN BE LIGHT.
GLENDA HARRIS POLATTI*

glenda harris polatti - December 04, 2013 at 08:04 PM

FT

“ From the crew at Cafe Del Rio, Beaumont TX purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Wayne Stansel.



From the crew at Cafe Del Rio, Beaumont TX - December 04, 2013 at 02:10 PM

FS

“ Don and his twin brother, Dan, were in our graduating class...the class of '62, Greenville TX - I had the pleasure of knowing them from 7th grade on to the present - our class will be lifting you and your circle of family and friends in prayer - I am thankful for the privilege of knowing such a great man - may God fill your hearts with comfort - Francine (Porter) Swayze

Francine Porter Swayze - December 04, 2013 at 01:20 PM

JO

“ Diana and Tisha,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time and the days ahead.
Jeannie OHanlon

Jeannie OHanlon - December 04, 2013 at 11:49 AM

ER

“ I went to school with Don and Dan. He will be missed very much. My prayers for all his family.

Ella Mize Russell - December 04, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ Dearest One Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Don Wayne Stansel.



December 04, 2013 at 09:17 AM



“ Diana, Tisha and family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Growing up with Tisha, I know Don was a great man and dad. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for peace and comfort for the days ahead.

Ashley Morgan - December 03, 2013 at 11:49 PM



“ Don Stansel was a wonderful man!! When i moved from Austin to Longview, Don gave me a job & opened his home to me. I had the honor of knowing Don for 21 years & will miss his very much!!! I'll never forget everything the Stansel family has done for me & will be forever grateful to them. My deepest sympathies for the loss of such a wonderful man!! I love you all!!!!

Kelly Davis

Kelly Davis - December 03, 2013 at 07:20 PM



“ To the Stansel family, Rodney and I send our condolences. We are so sadden by the passing of Don. You have always been there for us during our sad times and we regret that we can not be there for you. Please remember you are in our prayers. With sincere sympathy, Rodney and Kay Pope Richardson

Kay Pope Richardson - December 03, 2013 at 06:46 PM