



## Don Weathers

December 9, 1931 - October 9, 2016

Services for George Don Weathers, 84, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at West Erwin Church of Christ with Dr. Bill Allen and Eric Thornton officiating.

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

Mr. Weathers passed away Sunday, October 9, 2016 in Tyler.

Don was born in Columbus, Mississippi on December 9, 1931 to W.B. "Boss" and Annie Gladys McArthur Weathers. He graduated from Gen. Stephen D. Lee High School in Columbus in 1950 before continuing his education at Mississippi State University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He received his BBA from Abilene Christian College in 1954.

It was in Abilene where he met his wife of almost 62 years, Wanda Freda Walker. They married in Tyler, Texas on December 18, 1954.

Don and Wanda moved to Columbus where he owned and operated a grocery store and they began their family when their first child, Walker, was born. They moved to Tyler in 1959 where he began working in the oil business and their second child, Wade, was born. The oil business took them to Victoria where

their third child, Wynne, was born. When they returned to Tyler to raise their family, Don started an automotive customization business, Weathers Motor Company. After several years, he added a Holiday Rambler travel trailer dealership. He had several other business ventures including a pawn shop and lawn mower sales and repair shop. He settled into the coin operated laundry business 31 years ago when he opened Weathers Quick Wash which is still being operated by his youngest son, Wynne.

Don had an adventurous spirit and loved boating, hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. Some of his favorite times were elk hunting in Colorado, fishing trips in South America and Cuba, and floundering trips to the coast. When his children were growing up, they enjoyed family trips to Colorado and New Mexico where they camped, rode ATVs and motorcycles, and went trout fishing. He also loved his many trips to New Orleans with Wanda and their special adventures in Hawaii, Italy and Germany. His most recent trips were cruises to the Caribbean, the Baltic, and the Mediterranean with all of his children and grandchildren, and the memories from these trips were something he treasured.

True to his nature, he would build something rather than buying. When he wanted to fish, he built a boat. When he wanted to go camping, he built a motor home. When he wanted to go hunting, he built a gun. When he wanted to remodel, he got the chainsaw out and cut out the wall. When he wanted a color television, he ordered a kit and built one. He built dune buggies, trailers and restored antique cars including his most recent, a 1940 model Ford Business Coupe.

He was known as “The Wild Man” to closest friends and family because you never knew what he would be up to next or what adventures might follow. He was known later in life as “Daddy Don” by his seven grandchildren who adored him.

He was a longtime active member of West Erwin Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and taught Bible class.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his oldest son, Walker Don.

Survivors include his loving wife, Wanda, and their two sons Wade McArthur and wife Diane and Wynne Rex and wife Kristi; daughter-in-law Rhonda Weathers; and seven grandchildren, Ross and fiancé Garrett Hardee, Grace and husband Carter Grooms, Wendy, Will and fiancé Taylor Brown, Caroline and husband Bryce Petersen, Katherine and Rebecca. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Rex Walker and wife Queeda.

Pallbearers will be Ross Weathers, Will Weathers, Carter Grooms, Bryce Petersen, Jeff Jones, and Matt Haws. Honorary pallbearers are Louis Jones, Milburn Cook, Joe Bob Wells, Tom Morrissey, Morris Hallman and Dannie Skipper.

Visitation is scheduled from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the West Erwin Church of Christ, 420 W. Erwin Street, Tyler, TX 75702.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

OCT **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 W. Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 13, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Don Weathers.



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October 12, 2016 at 11:50 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 12, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Don Weathers.



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October 12, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Don Weathers.



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October 11, 2016 at 04:10 PM