



## Donald Thurman Curry

January 17, 1933 - May 4, 2013

Services for Donald Thurman Curry, 80, of LaRue, will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Watson and Rev. Audrey Cooper officiating.

Burial will follow at New York Cemetery in New York, TX under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Curry passed away May 4, 2013 under the care of Hospice of East Texas. He was born January 17, 1933 in Jacksonville to John Thurman and Martha Lillian Norris Curry.

Donald graduated from Knott High School in Big Springs in 1950 and then from Howard Junior College in 1952. He served in the US Air Force as a Radio Mechanic. Following his service in the Air Force, Donald moved to the family farm in Henderson County. He married Addie Jo Little in 1958. In the early 1970's he received his Pilot's license from Pounds Field in Tyler. Donald was self employed, custom farming until 1975 after which he worked for Delta Foremost Chemical as a Sales Representative for 26 years, retiring in 2000. Donald received the Top Salesman award many times during his career. He served on the LaPoynor School District school board for nine years and was a life-long member of Leagueville Baptist Church. Donald loved his family deeply.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, infant son John Earnest Curry and granddaughter Rachel Curry Hickman.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 55 years, Addie Jo

Little Curry of LaRue; children, Joe Curry and wife Marsha of LaRue and Carl Curry of Henrietta; grandchildren, Jackson Curry and Katherine Curry both of Red Oak, David Giles of Palestine and Glenda Davis of Keachi, LA. He is also survived by 8 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Wally Bishop, Charles Clayton, David Giles, Melvin Dungan, Tommy Little and Marcus "Chic" Hampton.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Little, Coy Little, George Little, Darryl Adair, Larry Howeth and Allen Terrell.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 1301 South Broadway, Tyler, 75703.

# Cemetery Details

## New York Cemetery

New York, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAY 8 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I've had the honor and pleasure of daily interactions with Donald and Addie Jo while Addie Jo was a resident at The Plaza and then when Donald became one too. He has taken care of Addie Jo every day and literally in every way. I only pray to replicate the pure love they displayed towards each other in some small way sometime in my life. He was an extraordinary self-made man with a presence that warranted respect from all he made contact with. I enjoyed all the stories he shared with me as well as the nuggets of wisdom he accumulated along his walk in life. One phrase that I'll never forget is

*"How's it feel to shake a working man's hand?", which I was asked every time I greeted Donald and Addie Jo. Just last night I delivered Addie Jo a gourmet multi-course meal courtesy of Donald. He had made this request just recently, stating "Chris no matter what, I want Addie Jo to have a meal from that restaurant you go to." I gave him my word it would be done. And so... on the day Addie Jo said goodbye to his mortal body, Donald's soul provided one more gift to her. Proving that a bond as strong as theirs will never be broken. My heart and prayers go out to Addie Jo and the rest of their family. May flights of angels surround them all! And give peace, tranquility, strength and joy until we all are joined with Donald once again in the presence of God in Heaven.*

*With all my heart,*

*Christopher Khamir*

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**Christopher Khamir** - May 09, 2013 at 01:26 PM

SS

“ I remember when I was scared to death of Donald!! My brother, Wade, would go lay across our driveway when he heard Donald's truck coming & Donald would act like he was going to run over him. I also have great memories of my parents & Donald & Addie Jo going out to eat, then playing 42 at our house or theirs. I have many more special memories of this dear family. Donald was one of a kind & I will miss him dearly. His laugh was unique as well, & once you heard it, you always knew it was him. May God bless you, Addie Jo, Joe & Carl, as well as the grandchildren & great-grandchildren & other family members. I feel blessed to have known Donald.

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**Shanna Smith** - May 07, 2013 at 09:22 AM

MG

“ Don and Addie Jo were always considered my second parents. Joe and Carl my brothers. Don was the only other "daddy" that ever spanked me. I was very young and remember him telling me to do something and I told him, "he was not my daddy, and he spanked me." LOL. Never did that again. I always knew that if I needed something I could call Don and Addie Jo. My parents and sister spent many good times with this family and will remember and cherish them forever. Don will be greatly missed. I pray that you will have comfort and peace at this difficult time. Love you all greatly.

*Marianne Gragson and family*

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**Marianne Gragson** - May 06, 2013 at 09:55 PM

VT

“ So sorry, Don was such a sweet man. Remember spending time at the Curry's house while Don, Addie Joe, Mom and Daddy played 42. Once while running around with Joe Don and Carl, I fell and started to cry. Don jumped up and picked me up and made it all better. He said "You can be my little girl, since I don't have one".

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**Vicki Taylor** - May 06, 2013 at 01:19 PM

MD

*Roger and I are so sorry and our prayers are with Addie Jo and the family. Don was a fine man and was always very nice to our son, Paul. God's Blessings on you all.*

*Roger and Mary Devore*

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**MARY DEVORE** - May 06, 2013 at 03:20 PM