



Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley

July 5, 1946 - November 17, 2023

Donald Wayne Bentley, 77, of Tyler, Texas died on Friday, November 17, 2023 at his home in Tyler.

He was born on July 5, 1946, in Texarkana, Texas to Jesse E. Bentley and Thelma Keller Bentley, who preceded him in death, along with his brother, David Bentley.

Don attended Texarkana, TX schools and graduated in 1964. He attended East Texas State University in Commerce, TX graduating in 1968, and obtaining a degree in business. He served in the Marine Corps Reserves for seven years.

He worked for Oscar Mayer and Kraft Foods for 35 years retiring at 55 to work full-time with his rental business.

Don loved spending his spare time hunting with his family and special friends.

Survivors include his wife, Terry, of 52 years, of Tyler, TX; son, Tim Bentley and wife, Mindy; grandson, Cole Bentley, and granddaughter, Kylee Bentley of Chapel Hill, TX; daughter, Tamara Tanner, and grandsons, John Ross Tanner and Jackson Tanner; and granddaughter, Julia Tanner, all of Anchorage, AK.

Services will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dwight Soule officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 28. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 27, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley.



November 27, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 27, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ I became good friends with Don in Junior High school. We have kept in touch with each other all these years Don is a strong Christian & his Facebook posts showed his love for Jesus. My last face to face visit was at the bedside of Dillon Anthony when we prayed for Dillon arm to arm in his last days after a severe stroke.
Tommy Hall



Tommy Hall - November 26, 2023 at 12:52 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley.



November 25, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley.*



November 25, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Don was one of the original Spring Lake Park School kids. He was a good friend and one I have always been proud to know and claim as a lifelong friend. May God bless and comfort his family. Sherry FosterJohnson.*

Sherry Foster Johnson - November 25, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Love and prayers, Amy & Brian Mentzer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley.*

Love and prayers, Amy & Brian Mentzer - November 24, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Wayne Bentley.*



November 24, 2023 at 05:36 PM

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“ *I have known Don since the 7th grade. He is a dear friend and a Goldly man.* ”



Sharon Phillips Bolt - November 24, 2023 at 03:51 PM