



Donald Leon Fenton

January 5, 1932 - December 2, 2014

A visitation for Donald Leon Fenton, 84, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler.

Mr. Fenton passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014 in Tyler.

He was born January 5, 1930 in East Mountain to Harmon Emmitt and Annie Beatrice Richardson Fenton.

Donald served in the USAF for three years. He attended Barber and Beauty Schools in Dallas, and completed advanced training in New York City. He moved to Tyler in 1952 and started Mr. Fenton's Beauty Salon in 1956. He was active with the Rose Festival and was responsible for many coiffures for the Rose Festival Queen and Court. He was active in Civic Theater, and also loved music.

Mr. Fenton was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and served as Acolate Director, Lay Reader, Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Elgie Fenton and Rayford Fenton; sisters Ara Harrison, Beatrice Webb, Desser Mae Smith, Bessie Wade and Vida Smart.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Patty, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

April
Moore

“ Hugs Patti!! I am just hearing of Don's passing. So sorry for your loss. I love you sweet friend.

April Moore - December 09, 2014 at 02:16 PM

JS

“ Patti, I just found out that Don had passed. I am praying for you as you go through this transition. I did not know Don but I know he was loved by many. You are a bright spot in my day when I visit with you so keep that brightness as you enter this journey. Love ya! Joy Shogry

Joy Shogry - December 09, 2014 at 02:15 PM

GL

“ Patti, so sorry to hear about Don. Rick and my prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Remember the good times. May God be with you and yours. Love and hugs. Rick and Gerry Lee

Gerry Lee - December 06, 2014 at 08:02 AM

CD

“ Dear Patti,
Our prayers are with you. Don was a bright light at a time when we needed him. I remember the cook outs at your house and the long talks into the night. May you be comforted by knowing many people were touched by Don and will remember his kindnesses.
Carolyn and Lowell Daughtry

Carolyn Daughtry - December 05, 2014 at 10:27 PM

NH

“ *Nerissa H lit a candle in memory of Donald Leon Fenton*



Nerissa H - December 05, 2014 at 05:38 PM

NH

“ *Ms. Patti, I'm so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man. Mr. Don and you welcomed me with open arms, shared your love of life and wisdom with me. I'm very blessed to have met both of you and enjoy every minute I was able to spend with you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed, as you both mean so much too so many people.*

Nerissa

Nerissa H - December 05, 2014 at 05:37 PM

BC

“ *What a great guy, words cannot express how grateful I am for having Don help me and show me the way when I needed it most. He will be so missed by many in this community.*

Bryan C

Bryan Chesley - December 05, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ Don you could always make me laugh no matter what. Your sweet spirit and always calling and singing happy birthday. Your presence in my life has been a major force. As life's plan unfold I have been blessed with this understanding, and I have come to know that our lives have been brought together for a reason.

I have watched you cultivate your unique talents and I have been inspired to do the same. I have watched you live with integrity, and this example has led the way. I have accepted the challenge to be my best self, as your encouraging words lifted me up. Watching you handle the ups and downs of your life, and seeing you move always to higher ground, gives me a vision of my future. Thank you for all you are---my mentor, my guide, my friend. May God bless your family and friends with His comfort during this time in our lives. I will miss you

Jackie McGlynn - December 05, 2014 at 07:51 AM

SJ

“ Patty, sorry for your loss. I have great memories of when you lived in Gilmer & all your kindness during a difficult time for me. I've enjoyed seeing ya'll at the Tyler Anniversary each year. Hope to see you there in January. Shane Jackson

Shane Jackson - December 04, 2014 at 08:33 PM

DC

“ Donald Callaway lit a candle in memory of Donald Leon Fenton



Donald Callaway - December 03, 2014 at 08:18 PM

MB

“ *Patty,
I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a great man and he helped so many people!! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.
Michele Boivin (sugar)*

Michele Boivin - December 03, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ *Dear Patty, Christ Church just shared the news of Don's passing. I immediately thought of you and how kind you and your husband always were to me. I pray you will find peace during the coming days and weeks. God bless you. Cathy Ross*

Catherine Ross - December 03, 2014 at 01:57 PM

EH

“ *Thank you, Don, for touching my life. You will be missed dearly. I'm privileged to have known you. The care you showed for recovery made a profound difference in my life. I'm forever grateful.*

Erin Harmon - December 03, 2014 at 12:45 PM

EH

“ *Erin Harmon lit a candle in memory of Donald Leon Fenton*



Erin Harmon - December 03, 2014 at 12:40 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Donald Leon Fenton



Rhonda Blackwell - December 03, 2014 at 12:26 PM

RB

“ What a wonderful blessing it was to know him and call him friend. He will be greatly missed. Rhonda Blackwell

Rhonda Blackwell - December 03, 2014 at 12:24 PM

DT

“ Ms. Patti....So sorry for your loss of a great man...He helped me so much in my early days of recovery with his love and support...Love you...Debra Thornburg

Debra Thornburg - December 03, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JM

“ So many lives were touched by this man. His dedication to the beauty industry set an uncomparable precedence. Working for him was to learn new techniques constantly. Seeing his love for the 12 step program was inspiring. So many on their road to sobriety were guided by Don. Our children grew up in their salon. "Fent" as John always called him, was patient with our little ones & hilarious with them at the same time. I loved Don Fenton. Patty, may the peace that passes all understanding be yours.
We love you,
Jean & Ron Moshier



Jean Moshier - December 03, 2014 at 07:30 AM