



Donald Fredrick Osada

September 20, 1932 - August 17, 2022

Rev. Donald Fredrick Osada of Flint, TX passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the age of 89, finishing his race on earth as a faithful minister of the Lord.

Those who knew Don will remember him with a bright smile on his face, happily jumping into conversations to support those around him, tell a few jokes, and spread his joy. He deeply cared for and led his family, his church congregations, and his community with the aim of bringing glory to God in all that he did.

Don was born in Dearborn, MI on September 20, 1932 to George and Olga Osada. At the age of 12, he and his family moved to Waco, TX, and he remained a loyal Texan for the rest of his days. While in Waco, he played football for and graduated from Waco High School. But more significantly, he began to feel God's call to the ministry and started planning for a career as a pastor.

After high school, Don remained in Waco to attend Baylor University. Although he appreciated continuing his education, Don would say that he was most grateful to his college years for being introduced to the love of his life, Barbara Parrott. The two married on June 14, 1953, and they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary earlier this year.

Don graduated from Baylor in 1955 and continued his studies at Brite School of Divinity in Fort Worth, where he graduated in 1958. Following his graduation, he began his pastoral ministry by becoming an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church.

For 45 years, Don served the Lord as pastor in various churches of the United Methodist Church's Central Texas Conference. Over those years, he served and led church congregations in Abbott, Temple, Milford, Valley Mills, Waco, Dublin, Breckenridge, Corsicana, and Fort Worth. At each church, he helped members develop a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, and he strengthened communities that cared for one another and served the Lord. Don's greatest pastoral strength was his ability to connect with individuals and families in the congregations and communities in which he served, consistently sharing the love of God through his support, counsel, and comfort. In 1995, he and Barbara moved to Flint, TX, where he used his strengths to serve at Marvin United Methodist Church as an associate minister to homebound members until his retirement in 2004.

After his retirement, Don remained a faithful member of Marvin United Methodist Church, including as a loyal member of the Pairs and Parents Sunday School Class, until he became a homebound member himself. He was a cheerful presence in the congregation, often engaging in animated conversations with pastors or fellow members on Sunday mornings until he was one of the last people in the building. He also served the community of Tyler through the church at Methodist Mission Week for many years.

Don's longtime hobby was woodworking. He was a leader of the East Texas Woodworkers Club, where he enjoyed the fellowship of the many members. From creating children's toys for the East Texas Crisis Center and Salvation Army, helping his grandsons make Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby cars, or

making beautiful furniture, pens, and other treasures for his family and friends, he loved spending time in his shop and sharing his gifts with those around him.

Don deeply loved and cared for his family. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Cindy Kelly, of Flint; and daughter, Susan Jones, and her husband, Eddie, of Richardson, TX. He also leaves behind four grandsons and their wives, who lovingly knew him as Paw Paw: Grant and Kelli Jones, Bryan and Lindsay Kelly, Clark and Amy Jones, and Kevin and Alex Kelly; as well as five great-grandchildren: Reese Jones, Ian and Owen Kelly, and Wendell and Howard Jones. Don is preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law, Tom Kelly, and sister, Ethel Penno and her husband, Earl.

A celebration of Don's life is scheduled for Friday, September 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home (7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703) with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, memorials may be made to the Eternal Flame Fund at Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 (www.marvinumc.com).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Visitation in the Hospitality Room following the service

SEP 2 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler
Tyler, TX 75703
admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



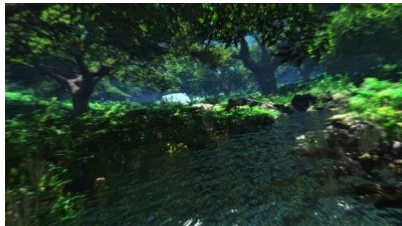
“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald Fredrick Osada



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Fredrick Osada



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 03:13 PM



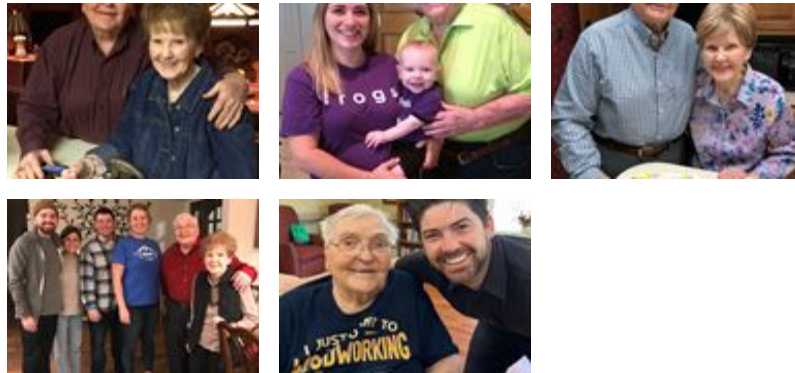
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Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 01, 2022 at 10:02 AM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 02:45 PM

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“ Barbara Hart and Roger Davis purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Fredrick Osada.



Barbara Hart and Roger Davis - August 30, 2022 at 04:03 PM

WT

“ Woodworkers Club of East Texas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Fredrick Osada.



Woodworkers Club of East Texas - August 30, 2022 at 03:55 PM

TC

“ *The Haggard Family & Companies purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Fredrick Osada.*



The Haggard Family & Companies - August 29, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald Fredrick Osada.*



August 24, 2022 at 01:12 PM

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“ *KRISTI BATTON lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Osada*



KRISTI BATTON - August 22, 2022 at 05:57 AM