



Donald Lewis Ritschel

September 23, 1936 - January 9, 2014

A memorial service for Donald Lewis Ritschel, 77, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Chris Pulliam officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, from 10:00 am to 11:00 AM.

A private inurnment will be held at Rose Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Ritschel passed away January 9, 2014 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born September 23, 1936 in Tulsa, OK to Edward Lewis and Murel Sexton Ritschel.

Don was a 1959 graduate of the University of Arkansas receiving his BA degree in Business. He played football all four years as a running back as well as also playing offense and defense. Don spent many years in the floor covering business in sales and then as a sales manager in the Dallas and Houston areas. After moving to Tyler, Don worked in retail sales at Carpet Today, retiring after six years. He was a member of First Christian Church in Tyler.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother Ronald Ritschel. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 55 years, Sue Burris Ritschel of Tyler; children, Pam Isom and husband Talon of Joshua, Brad Ritschel of Lewisville and Mike Ritschel and wife Moon of Dallas; brother Rick Ritschel and wife Nita; and by grandchildren, Jamie Wright, Ara Ritschel and Brad Ritschel. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be made to First Christian Church Tyler, 4202

South Broadway Ave., Tyler 75701 or the American Cancer Society, 1304
South Broadway Ave., Tyler, 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mem. Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



January 17, 2014 at 09:02 AM



“ *Don was a great friend and a fine fellow. He served his community with dignity and honor. I am proud to have known him.*

Harry Ebbeson - January 17, 2014 at 07:29 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



January 16, 2014 at 01:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



January 16, 2014 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



January 16, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Patti & Phil purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



Patti & Phil - January 14, 2014 at 01:03 PM



“ *Brad, Pam and all the Ritschel family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you
through this time of grief, and bring you all the happy memories!
Love, thoughts and prayers,
Carolyn Bowling*

Carolyn Bowling - January 13, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Lewis Ritschel.*



January 13, 2014 at 11:04 AM