



Donald Harold Speer

November 14, 1931 - January 10, 2024

Donald Harold Speer, 92, of Bartlesville died Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in Bartlesville.

Don was born the son of Novy and Ether (Wheeler) Speer on November 14, 1931, in Pryor, OK. He was raised in Pryor until the family moved to Childers when he was a teenager. From a young age he developed a love for fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. Don sought out and found the "Prettiest Girl" at Childers High School, Ruby Lee McMains, and they became high school sweethearts. He graduated with the class of 1950 and united in marriage with Ruby on March 23, 1951. From 1952 to 1954 he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Camp Hanford in Washington state. This is where Judy was born at the Army Hospital. Once honorably discharged, Don moved the family back to Bartlesville and he started work at Reda Pump. Two more children were born, Larry and Benny. After 39 years of faithful service, Don retired in 1990 and at the time was one of the top employees, seniority wise.

Don's passions included fishing, hunting, and gardening. He and Ruby enjoyed camping with the kids, water skiing and taking friends to the lake. As the kids got older, they would take trips further from home with everyone pulling a camper along. Don and Ruby pulled their camper near and far all over the United States and enjoyed time spent with family and new friends they met along the way. Don knew DIY before it was a thing. He could fix

anything broken, only occasionally calling in a professional. He was a longtime member of the Church of God in Nowata. He was loved and will be dearly missed.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Ruby Lee; three children, Judy (Jay) Morgan, Larry Speer and Benny (Becky) Speer; sister, Phyliss (Bud) Adams; grandchildren, Shannon (Joshua) Ray, Shelly (Kyle) Lee, Stefanie Morgan, Lacey Speer, Dalton Walker and Alison (Allen) Sloate; and great-grandchildren, Alister, Jesse, Zeppelin and Zaxtin. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Johnnie Hudson; and brothers, JB Speer, George Speer and Sam Speer.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m., at the Church of God in Nowata with Rev. Wendell Abbott officiating. Interment will follow in the McMains Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

McMains Cemetery

Nowata, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowata First Church of God
408 S. Pine Street
Nowata, OK 74048

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Harold Speer* ”



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