

Donald E. Dawson

June 24, 1931 - August 12, 2024

Donald E. Dawson, 93, a life long Rushville resident, passed away August 12, 2024 in Rushville. He was born June 24, 1931 in Rushville to Theron Ples & Delphia Caroline (Gardner) Dawson. Don graduated from Manilla High School and served his country in the USAF. He married Glenna June Jenkins on December 16, 1950 and she survives.

Don began Dawson Oil Company in 1967 in Rushville.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rushville and was very active in his community!

He will be missed by his wife, June of Rushville, son, Charlie Dawson (Nancy Schuntz) of Cumberland, daughters, Chris (Doug) Laker and Melinda Weidner all of Rushville, grandchildren, Jackie (Aaron) Rhodes, Travis (Susan) Koors, Jamie Weidner, Morgan (Brandon) Hoover, Jan (Brett) Norris & Noah Dawson and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Theron Ples Dawson, Jr. and son-in-law, Sam Weidner.

Don's request was to have no services or "Fluff" as he called it...

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Rush County Community Foundation, Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Rush County Victim's Assistance-Phoenix House.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Waters for all their compassion & care.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Yes Don was my uncle but in 1968 when he offered me a job when I was 19 and he told me he'd teach me how to drive the "old" IH fuel truck. I readily accepted the offer but knew full well that I'd have perform at the level he desired, regardless of my "family" status. I really think that he helped prepare me for my career in the military. I know he prepared me for the strict standards as I had a standing appointment with York's barbershop because he didn't want any "hippies" delivering fuel to his customers. What a great man he was!!

Max Jenkins - August 26, 2024 at 07:19 PM

DB

“ Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson



Danny Bennett - August 16, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Donald E. Dawson.



August 14, 2024 at 01:18 PM

KS

“ For many years, every time I came out to the bulk plant to make "insurance visits" or just to socialize I would always tell Chris ahead of time so she could make sure Don was going to be there so we could "chat" for a while. Our conversations covered a whole array of issues and topics and when we were done, we both agreed that we had probably solved all the problems of mankind, and it was time to move on. I will miss these conversations terribly. I always looked forward to them so much. Don was one of the sincerest, good-natured, intelligent, compassionate, people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing, and I am a better person for having known him.

Kevin L Surface - August 14, 2024 at 12:48 PM

KM

“ Kelly & Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson



Kelly & Susie McClure - August 14, 2024 at 10:16 AM

AP

“ Bob and I were sorry to hear of dons passing, lot of memories with Jenkins family reunions. We shared a birthday June 24 and he loved talking sports. Sending hugs to June, Chris, Melinda, and Charlie. You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Bob and Annette Pychinka



Annette Pychinka - August 13, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DM

“ Deepest sympathy to June and the family.
Rest in peace Uncle Don 🙏

Dennis & Sandy Marshall



Dennis & Sandy Marshall - August 13, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DR

“ DonandMarcia Rolfe lit a candle in memory of
Donald E. Dawson



DonandMarcia Rolfe - August 13, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JD

“ Jane Holder Davis lit a candle in memory of
Donald E. Dawson



Jane Holder Davis - August 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM

PH

“ Love, thoughts, & prayers to each and all of
Don's family. What a great guy! We truly
cherished our friendship in business and
community life. Don never, ever forgot our 1st
born daughter and always referred to her
as, "Pony". Fly high, dear friend....The Hoeing's
(Kevin, Pam, Anne, & Joe) 🙏❤️🙏🙏🙏



Pamela A Hoeing - August 13, 2024 at 08:53 AM

GR

“ 🙏❤️🙏



Greg Raike - August 12, 2024 at 09:08 PM

KD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family*



Kelly & Kevin Disbro - August 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM

SB

“ *I remember setting with Don on a Saturday after working at WRRCR in the old Legion betting on pull tabs for hours and I never won*



Steve Beeler - August 12, 2024 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ *Charlie Stout lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson*



Charlie Stout - August 12, 2024 at 05:27 PM

RE

“ *My Prayers go out to the family and love ones*
🙏



Rick Edwards - August 12, 2024 at 05:17 PM

TM

“ *Tonyia & Michael Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson*



Tonyia & Michael Miller - August 12, 2024 at 04:36 PM

TM

Our thought & Prayers are with all of his family in this time of loss!

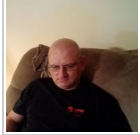
Tonyia & Michael Miller - August 12, 2024 at 04:37 PM

JC

“ *John & Sally Collyer lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson*



John & Sally Collyer - August 12, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Dawson*



Jim Walker - August 12, 2024 at 03:09 PM

BF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He will be missed.*

Brenda Freeman - August 12, 2024 at 11:52 AM

DA

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you process the passing of Don.

Deborah and Steve Adams - August 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM

DC

Prayers for your family during this time.

Diane Cameron - August 12, 2024 at 02:32 PM

MH

I was so sad to hear of Don's passing. What a great man he was!! My husband and I met Don at the American Legion when we moved to Rushville in 1992. Don knew that we were looking for a house and told us about one that a friend of his had for sale. We bought the house in September of 1993. My husband passed away 5 years ago, but I still live in the house. I'll never forget his kindness and what a genuine person he was. May he rest in peace 🙏

Mary W Huffman - August 15, 2024 at 02:35 PM