



## Donald Ray Dowling

December 12, 1949 - April 14, 2013

Donald Ray, son of Bernice (Buckles) and Floyd Dowling was born December 12, 1949 in Alva, Oklahoma.

He passed away at the Robert J. Dole VA hospital in Wichita, Kansas on the 14th day of April at the age of 63 years, 4 months and 2 days.

He attended school in Lambert, Oklahoma and graduated as the last class from Lambert High School in 1968. He then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

In 1974 he enlisted in the United States Navy where he was a parachute rigger for the Top Gun Squadron on the Miramar Naval Base in San Diego, California. He was Honorably discharged September 19, 1978.

Following his discharge he was united in marriage to Grace Gardner on September 20, 1978 in Spring Valley, California. To their marriage two daughters; Michelle Lee and Tanya Marie were born.

Don was a member of the Moose Lodge; he loved fishing, and was an avid Sooner fan. His passion was working and restoring cars; he enjoyed drag races and was a NHRA fan.

In June of 2003 he met Trish Thomas and they made their home together in rural Woods County. Together they raised her daughters; Keri and Kori.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Dean Dowling and Harold Scribner.

He is survived by his wife Trish Thomas, two daughters; Michelle and Cesar Elizondo of Muncy, PA and Tanya and Nick Koehn of Buffalo, Ok, two grandchildren; Jordan and Jeremy, two step daughters; Sergeant Keri Thomas of Alva, and Kori and Cody Watson of Williamsport, PA. His little white dog, Buddy, a brother, James Scribner of Alva, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel

1302 Oklahoma Blvd.

Alva, OK 73717

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ sending my condolences to family and friends, thank you Don for having shared your footprints in our lives and our hearts you will be truly missed by many...RIP Don

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**Carlotta** - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Don was a good friend to me. He will be greatly missed.

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**John McMurphy** - April 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. God Bless.

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**Wayne and Donna Hofer** - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Trish, so very sorry to hear about Don. My condolences to you & the family. From Avard cafe.

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**Nan** - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Don was unique, upbeat, and fun to know but more complex than most thought.

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**Paul Woodson** - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Those we have learned*

*from leaned on and loved....*

*leave us The very*

*BEST memories!*

*Don left me many.. Ham gravy! watching my first SOONER football game!introducing me to ach-phelm-med.....the list goes on and on. Don was a amazing man he will be greatly missed.*

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**Donna Irons** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *So sorry for your loss Michelle. Praying God's peace will surround you tomorrow as you say your final goodbye till you meet again. We love you*

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**Roger and Darlene Hahn** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Mom sends her love and best wishes. If you need me for anything Im only a phone call away. Love you all. Steve*

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**Steve & Doris Roberts** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *For our daughters, Michelle and Tanya and families: May our loving comfort be with you during this difficult and sad time. Cherish the memories always. I know I will cherish the good ones. Rest in peace, Don. Sleep well.*

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**Grace Martin** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *my heart and prayers are with the family.*

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**buzz** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Good bye Uncle Don. All the family has cleo and my sympathies in these sad times.*

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**Jim Scribner** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *God bless keep and cradle your family in his arm during this tough time.*

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**Shawn Stoddard** - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM