



Donald Gene Everly

August 9, 1945 - July 14, 2018

Donald Gene Everly, 72, left this world peacefully on Saturday, July 14, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born in Chanute on August 9th, 1945 and graduated from Chanute High School class of 1964. He met Sandy Frazier while living in Kansas City and they were married August 16th, 1969, celebrating nearly 49 years of marriage. She survives at their home.

Best known as “Coach”, Donnie had the gift of bringing out the best in a player. His love of the game gave him 50 years of Coaching and Volunteering. In 1995 He was a recruiter and interim coach at Neosho County Community College. He conducted Softball Clinics for a few SE Kansas High Schools. For 2 years Donnie taught fast pitch to The Kansas HS Athletics Association Coaches Clinic. Even though Softball was his passion, he also enjoyed Golfing and Bowling. He attended the Living Word Assembly, and he served on Chanute Recreation Commission, and on the board of the Faith house. Donnie loved to help those who had difficulty helping themselves. He worked as a Targeted Case Manager and retired from Southeast Kansas Independent Living (SKIL) on August 10, 2010. Before that he worked at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center and Tri-Valley Developmental Services. He was a Special Olympics coach, and looked forward to the Special Olympics each year.

Donald is survived by:

Wife:

Sandy of Chanute, KS

Son:

Matthew and wife Patricia of Lawton, OK

Granddaughters

Makayla and Autumn Everly of Lawton, OK

Donnie is preceded in death by his Father and Mother Clarence (Chub) and Irene Everly, two sisters Ladena Mauk and Sharlena Pitts.

A celebration of life will be held at Living Word Assembly, 1000 W. 14th, Friday July 20, 2018 at 11am. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. The family asks in lieu of flowers, suggested memorials be made to Chanute Christian Academy or Don Everly Softball Memorial on his behalf and may be left at the church.

Tribute Wall

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“Sandy,
Keeping you and your family in my prayers.
Although I only met Don once, he was such a
kind man with a big smile. He was lucky to
have you as his partner in life.



Sue Zentner - July 23, 2018 at 11:40 AM

LR

“Sandy, we are so sorry to hear of Don's
passing. All three of our girls had the privilege
of having Don as a softball coach. He was an
awesome man and coach. Everytime the girls
have tic tacs they have to take two because of
Don's words, you have to have two or you will
waddle! Fred and I had the privilege of working with him
professionally. He touched so many lives and we all loved him. You
are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Riebel's in Humboldt



Lisa Riebel - July 19, 2018 at 11:47 PM



“Sandy and Matthew, I am saddened by your loss. I am blessed to
have known and played ball for the best Coach ever. We had some
great times, I will always cherish the memories of our many years
on and off the field. God has blessed a great man with his peace!!
With Love, Pat Barnhart

Pat Barnhart - July 17, 2018 at 02:15 PM

PR

“ So sorry to hear about Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and for Don's soul to be taken home. I umpired summer and high school ball with Don coaching 3rd base a lot and he like to give me the business in a joking way. I always got along great with him and it occurred to me that maybe the Lord needed a 3rd base coach. A lot of girls and parents are better off having crossed Don's path. He seemed to have a great time at the tourney this summer and it was good to see him honored that way.

Phil Reilly

Phil Reilly - July 17, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CB

“ Sandy, Matt and family,
Not sure where to start. Don and I shared so many times together on softball fields and in bowling alleys. There was never a time when we did not have a great time. We both shared a love for both sports. Time passes so quickly, seems like only yesterday when our winters were spent bowling and summers playing ball.
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless the Everly family.

...Charlie Boaz

Charlie Boaz - July 16, 2018 at 05:32 PM