



Donald Ray Hedrick

March 10, 1937 - December 23, 2012

Donald Ray Hedrick age 75 of Severy, Kansas passed away Sunday, December 23, 2012 at his home. He was born March 10, 1937 in Pawnee, Oklahoma the son of Roger Lee Sr. and Theresa Mae (Brown) Hedrick.

Don worked as a mechanic for Continental Trailways from 1960 to 1970. From 1970 to 1975, Don and his brother Roger Lee owned and operated the Ponderosa Steakhouse and gas station in Severy. In 1977, Don and Roger started the Hedrick Oil Company. In 1981 Don went to work for Boeing in Wichita and he retired from Boeing in 1985. Don had a passion for racing and together with his brother Roger owned Hedrick Brother's Racing. Don was the driver of both a funny car and a dragster. He loved talking about their racing experiences in the 60's/70's. He loved going to NHRA drag races and watching them on television, especially his favorite driver and team owner John Force. Don will be remembered by so many as a great and generous car mechanic.

Don is survived by one son Breck Hedrick of Severy, Kansas, one daughter Laurel Herrera of Sequim, Washington, one step-son Richard Johnson of Wichita, Kansas, two step-daughters Tammy Bays of Derby, Kansas and Nikki Bustos of Wichita, Kansas, one granddaughter Isabella Herrera of Topeka, Kansas, eight step-grandchildren; Christopher Johnson of Wichita, Kansas, Stephanie Johnson of Topeka, Kansas, Kyle Johnson of Wichita, Kansas,

Brandon Bustos of Topeka, Kansas, Devin Bustos of Wichita, Kansas, Mariah Bays, John Bays and Chance Bays all of Derby, Kansas and five step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Roger Lee Jr. and one grandson Tyre Hedrick.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the Severy Baptist Church with Pastor Tony Pameticky officiating. Interment will follow at South Lawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Severy Baptist Church and may be left with the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside - Zimmerman Funeral Home in Howard, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

South Lawn Cemetery

Severy, KS

Previous Events

Service

JAN **2**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Severy Baptist Church
201 S. Greenwood Ave.
Severy, KS 67137

Tribute Wall



“ I have many memories of my dad that will be with me forever here is one that will be forever remembered on a Sunday; He didn't take phone calls on Sundays during the drag races however that didn't mean he couldn't call you and tell you what channel to turn your receiver to and tell you what was going on while you reminded him we already have it on ESPN or SPEED and we don't have the same channel line up as you do. He really wanted to see 4 cars go down the track at once. As all of you that knew him knew he was a gossip. I loved to call him and vent my problems to him and after he would give me the best fatherly advice or get to ranting with me about the same issues he would make me laugh by telling me about so and so and what was going on in Severy. It was hard for us to move away and he knew that but he also understood why we did. He taught John to hunt for gold and they was planning a big expedition when he turned 18. Dad I love you and forever you will be in my heart and mind there will not be a day goes by that I won't think of you.

Tammy & Bill Bays - December 30, 2012 at 03:24 PM



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Mariah Bays - December 30, 2012 at 03:16 PM



“ All of my childhood memories are fill with my grandpa. I remember everything about him. I love and will always miss him. He was the best grandpa a girl could ask for. A memory that recently arose from my subconscious was when I would "run away" from my parents and we would listen to Paul Harvey and eat popsicles, and basically I would terroize his house but he never minded. I would ride my trike that still in my room at his house and stand on top of my shopping cart that is also and scream at the top of my lungs CITRICAL this being one of Paul Harvey's main sponsors I heard it a lot and never knew what it was. My grandpa also gave me taught me about NHRA racing and of course his time on the reservation. He had the best stories even if you had no idea who he was talking about he could always describe "that good old boy". He was known as the Candy Man to many of the children in Severy; almost all of my friends from there know exactly who he is when I say the Candy Man. He always had a ear to listen and advice to give even if you didnt think you needed it he added his two sense. I called him almost every week especailly when I was still at K-State where most of our discussion turned to football as everyone knows he was a HUGE OU fan, but he was I think secretly becoming a KSU fan. I learned so my from grandpa and I will truely miss him!

Mariah Bays - December 30, 2012 at 02:53 PM



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“ the one's we love don't go away .they walk beside us everyday. unseen,unheard but always there. still loved, still missed and very dear. remember anyone can love you when the sun is shining but it's during the storms that you find out who cares for you. I have loved Donnie all my life and he me even through we are apart we knew what made each other happy at all times I have lovely memories of my love,my best friend my partner and will cherish all we had over the years. he married me and immediately took my children on as his Richard called him pops nikki and tanny called him dad and my grandkids know him as grandpa and that's the way he wanted it .he shower everyone with love and asked nothing of himself. what an amazing man I LOVED YOU THEM AND WILL DIE STILL LOVING YOU. COLEEN

coleen hedricl - December 29, 2012 at 11:27 AM

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“ What I remember most about my dad was the sound of his laugh and his crazy stories. I don't know who I am going to talk about drag racing with now. I love you dad.

Laurel Herrera (Hedrick) - December 29, 2012 at 01:17 AM



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coleen - December 28, 2012 at 04:18 PM



“ *Coleen lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Hedrick*



coleen - December 28, 2012 at 04:15 PM

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“ *My thought and prayers are with you all during this time. Don was a great neighbor and my kids called him "The Candy Man". All the kids in the neighborhood knew they could get candy from him. When I worked at Jct. Insurance he would come in almost daily to read the paper or make a phone call. My favorite memory of him was when I was preparing for a mission trip to Mexico, and he was concerned I was going to an area where there was people being kidnapped. He told me to have someone back in the states with lots of money that could come get me. I told him I was taking his number and just smiled. I think that caught him off guard and he gave me a look I will never forget.*

Traci Smith - December 28, 2012 at 04:01 PM

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“ *What a great picture of Donnie, one of my dad's best friends. Donnie had a kind heart, an onery smile, and a laugh that was contagious. Donnie could fix any car. Hugs and prayers to the family and extended families. May he rest in peace. Love the Bob Weyrauch Familiy*

Phyllis Milner - December 28, 2012 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Angle Town lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Hedrick*



Angle Town - December 28, 2012 at 12:44 PM

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“ *Tammy - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. - Jennifer Baysinger*

Jennifer Baysinger - December 28, 2012 at 11:56 AM