



## Donald J. Chalupnik

July 16, 1942 - June 30, 2021

Donald “Don” Joseph Chalupnik of Grove, Oklahoma, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He passed unexpectedly on June 30, 2021.

Don’s parents, Rosalia and Anton Chalupnik, welcomed him into their large family on July 16, 1942, in Graceville, MN, as he was the ninth of twelve children.

Don leaves his wife of 54 years, Carole (Krause) Chalupnik and his four children of which he was so proud: John Chalupnik, Scott Chalupnik, Jennifer Goodrich and Jill Pease. He was also a loving father-in-law to their spouses and a doting grandfather of six.

After high school, Don enlisted in the Air Force where he achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He was a Vietnam Veteran and received the Bronze Star Medal. He retired after 21 years of service to his country. After his military retirement, he started his own painting business.

Don did not know a stranger and was always first to volunteer and offer assistance. While living in Omaha, NE, he volunteered for years with Boy Scouts of America, earned his Wood Badge for leadership and was able to see both sons achieve Eagle Scout. After moving to Oklahoma, he was a

volunteer firefighter with the Monkey Island Fire Department, an active member of The American Legion Post 178 Ritual Team and a volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans.

The funeral service will be held on July 16 at 11:00 am at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Grove. A luncheon will follow, provided by the Women's Auxiliary at 56298 E 295 Rd, Afton, OK 74331 (across the street from the New Monkey Island Fire Department).

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be directed to the American Legion Grove Oklahoma Post 178, P.O. Box 450203, Grove, OK 74345, Attention: Ritual Team.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
1653 113th St NW  
Grove, OK 74344

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kobe Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald J. Chalupnik*



**Kobe Bryant** - April 14 at 10:46 AM

KB

“ *"Donald J. Chalupnik" - a Great man - a fellow Senior Airman - Best regards to my fellow Americans - very sorry I was late here - I had important duties - Best regards from the Bryant Family*

**Kobe Bryant** - April 14 at 10:43 AM

TC

*It is fine that you are late here, I come here daily to visit this loved one, as a distant family member what matters most is your support and memory, thank you Bryants*

**Thomas C** - April 14 at 10:51 AM



“ *Donald J. Chalupnik*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM

RJ

“ *I just for found out Don passed away. I was stationed with him @ Grand Forks,AFB. He was in our wedding. He was the best. He tried to get me to reenlist. I already had a job promised @ Lycoming Engines. I retired from there in 2000. Bev and I have been married 56 yrs. He will be missed. Condolences to you and your family.*

**Robert B Heverly Jr** - August 30, 2021 at 08:39 AM

MD

“ Mike Lowry and Richard Diamond purchased the Red, White & Blue Standing Wreath for the family of Donald J. Chalupnik.



Mike Lowry and Richard Diamond - July 14, 2021 at 10:14 AM

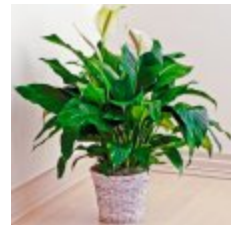
JJ

“ Our family (Tony Chalupnik's family) is deeply sorry about the loss of Uncle Don. As you grieve, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Jan Chalupnik Johnson - July 12, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Donald J. Chalupnik.



July 10, 2021 at 02:47 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Diana Och - July 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Donald J. Chalupnik.



July 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Paul & I were shocked. He was such a big asset to the American Legion & Monkey Island. I remember when we used to travel he was always helping some poor old lady. He was always concerned for someone who was ill. Paul will miss him greatly as they became great friends & couldn't pass a Braums without stopping. He will be missed. If u need anything u know we r just a phone call away. ❤️  
🙏🙏

paul & Ginger Green - July 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ We are stunned to hear of Don's passing!!  
Our hearts hurt with yours Carole and the entire family💔 Praying you feel the tangible arms of God wrapped around you!!  
Don is the kindest soul we have ever encountered!! His Love, Protection and Care for his neighbors is just overwhelming!!  
Our lives have been forever impacted by Don!!  
Thank you for Loving your neighbors well❤️!!  
Until we meet again💛  
Love and Hugs to you, Carole❤️🤗

Alan and Brenda Miller - July 03, 2021 at 05:30 PM

AR

“ *What a great guy. Post 178 has lost another huge asset to the American Legion. Always a smile on his face. My prayers go out for Carole and family during these difficult days. Arlene Rochau.*

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**Arlene Rochau** - July 03, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Don was a friend to everyone and was well liked and respected by all who knew him. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carole and the family.*

*Bill & Jacki Nechkash*

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**Jacqueline Nechkash** - July 02, 2021 at 07:15 PM

MP

“ *Don was a great guy, sorry 4 your loss. Hugs to all family. IMC staff has been informed*

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**Marilyn Pyle** - July 02, 2021 at 05:23 PM

ED

“ *Don was a big man with a big personality and an even bigger heart. There was always a story for him to share and a smile on his face. Our community has lost a treasured soul. He will be remembered my many and forgotten by none.*

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**Ed and Sharon Dennis** - July 02, 2021 at 12:52 PM

KW

“ *Don had a such an impact on so many lives. He will always be a cherished friend and live long in our memory. Kent and I wish you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

*When our hearts are heavy with sadness our wonderful memories wash away the pain. Carole, our thoughts are with you and your family.*



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**Kent & Denise Winn** - July 02, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald J. Chalupnik.*



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July 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM