



Donald Dean Russell

June 22, 1958 - November 23, 2025

Donald D. Russell, Jr., age 67, known affectionately as Don, passed away on November 23, 2025 in Tulsa, Oklahoma from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Don was born on June 22, 1958 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Don's life was marked by his outgoing and vibrant personality, his humility, and his deep capacity for forming meaningful and thoughtful connections with others.

Don met his wife Monica Pickett in 9th grade at Skelly Jr. High. Don graduated from Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa. The high school sweethearts married on September 23, 1977, at Lavern's in Miami, Oklahoma. Their enduring partnership was a cornerstone of Don's life, filled with shared interests, including antiques and giving thoughtful gifts. Don was not only a devoted husband but also a resilient fighter who overcame three types of cancer, prostate, brain and bone cancer.

Professionally, Don was deeply influenced by Monica who led him into the printing industry because that was where she worked with her dad. This led to Don opening his own printing business in the living room of their home in Tulsa. In 1994, he and his family moved to Grove, Oklahoma, and founded CBI (Christ Before i) Printing, which flourished into a very successful business under his leadership.

Don attended Mountain Movers Church, where he found spiritual fulfillment and community. His faith was integral to his life.

Spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, was what Don enjoyed most in life. He was a devoted husband, dad and papa.

Don was preceded in death by his mother, Patrica (Colman) Jones.

Left to cherish his memory, his wife, Monica Russell, sons, Josh Russell (Rebekah) and Jason Russell (Shannon) and daughter, Crystal Russell; grandchildren, Kaylee, Caleb, Jared, Gavin, Lucas, Jaydon and Izzy; all of Grove; father, Donald Russell, Sr, sisters, Debbie Maddux of Manford, OK, DeeDee Roberts (Chris) of Carney, OK and Dawnetta Russell of Edmond, OK. Visitation will be from 4-6pm Friday, November 28, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service. Graveside services will be at 10am Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Olympus Cemetery North followed by a Celebration of Don's life at Mountain Movers Church at 11am.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Mountain Movers Church kids building project! Don loved children and his heart was to build a foundation for the next generation at MMC.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Olympus Cemetery North
Grove, OK 74344

Celebration of Life

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mountain Movers Church
24000 S 660 Rd
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Love, Clayton and Lindsay Shumaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dean Russell.

Love, Clayton and Lindsay Shumaker - November 27, 2025 at 08:12 AM

LS

“ Love, Clayton and Lindsay Shumaker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



Love, Clayton and Lindsay Shumaker - November 27, 2025 at 08:12 AM

CL

“ Corey L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dean Russell.

Corey L. - November 26, 2025 at 01:47 PM

DF

“ Dad, Sisters and their families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



Dad, Sisters and their families - November 26, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SA

“ Spencer Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dean Russell.

Spencer Adams - November 26, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



November 26, 2025 at 10:06 AM

KF

“ Karol Mountcastle and GPA Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



Karol Mountcastle and GPA Family - November 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM

KM

“ This man was loved by so many. I was one of those who got to work with him but more than that he was my friend. There are no words to say how much he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family including his work family. the Russell’s are truly a one of a kind wonderful family.

Karol Mountcastle - November 26, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Russell.



November 26, 2025 at 08:34 AM

PE

“ Working with Don was truly meaningful. We talked so often about the industry we both cared so much about, sharing stories that were heartfelt, sometimes hilarious, and always genuine. The laughs we shared over the years will stay with me forever. I’m praying for his family and wishing them comfort during this difficult time.

Pete - November 25, 2025 at 09:23 PM

SD

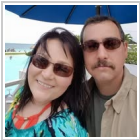
“ Don hired me less than a year out of college in 1983. What times they were! He was generous and kind and a dear friend. He was a hard worker and an eternal optimist. He and I shared our common faith. I’ll always be grateful for the opportunities he gave me. It was a pleasure to work with he and Monica in those early years. Much of where I am was built on that foundation.

Scott Donathan - November 25, 2025 at 08:48 PM

RP

“ Don was one of my favorites, he was one of the good guys. We have worked together over the last 6 years which is how I got the pleasure of getting to know Don, but in a very short time, we became friends. Even when Don was going through treatment and away from the office, he would call to just check in and laugh and keep his pulse on things. He had the biggest heart and always shared so much joy and optimism even when things were tough and he wasn't "On it" like he would have liked to have been. I will deeply miss our conversations and his outlook on things, but I know he will still be looking out for me. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed, but absolutely never forgotten, and the love and legacy of life you have left with those of us you touched, will live on forever. Thank you for your friendship in this life. I am blessed and honored to have known you and your heart.

Rachel Pekas - November 25, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Don was such a kind and generous man. I will always remember how much he loved kids and how fond he was of Gabriel when he was born. We are praying for Monica and the family. We are so heartbroken for your loss. Because we know Jesus, we will be reunited with Don in heaven someday.

Kimberly Toomey - November 25, 2025 at 04:54 PM

SE

“ Don was a pleasure to work with over the past 15 years. He will be greatly missed!

Sarah Edgar - November 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM

CM

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know and working with Don over the last 5 years, as a trusted supplier partner. He checked in with me more than any other partner, and we formed something far more valuable than vendor-customer relationship - We became friends! I just saw him about a month ago at a Print Expo, and he loved telling me about the family vacation he had just been on. I was so sorry to hear about the accident and will miss Don tremendously. My condolences to his entire family, and I will keep all of you in my prayers - and especially Don. God Bless!

- Chris Moran, Staples, Inc.

Chris Moran - November 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Don was a great man! He believed in me in a time I was struggling in life and I am forever grateful for this man and his family! Seeing Don with his grandkids and teaching them life skills at cbi print filled my heart with joy!! He will be truly missed! Praying for the Russell family!

Elizabeth Crockett - November 25, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LF

“ Love yall, Varner (Granberry) Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dean Russell.

Love yall, Varner (Granberry) Family - November 25, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Russell.*



November 25, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *I met Don when I was helping take care of his grandfather at Grove Nursing Center. I married his step-dad in 1996 and went to work for Don at the then Cooy Box. I worked for him 16 years and he and his whole family were amazing to work for. My prayers go to his family so sorry for your loss 🙏❤️*

Donna Jones - November 25, 2025 at 03:55 PM