



Don Howard Costilow

August 13, 1935 - May 2, 2017

Don Howard Costilow was born in Huntsville, TX on August 13, 1935 to Drue and Nezzie Costilow. He went to heaven on May 2, 2017. Growing up, Don spent a lot of time on his grandparent's farm with his brother Dale. He loved the outdoors, horses and cows.

Don graduated from high school in Pasadena, TX where his parents were both teachers. He attended Sam Houston where he received a Bachelors in Agriculture and then a Masters in Criminal Justice. He continued with work towards a PhD but family & life became more important. Don began his career at TDC where he quickly rose to Assistant Warden. He was then Warden at the Wynne and Coffield units.

His love of the outdoors and hunting was a huge part of his life. He had a deer lease and basically lived there during hunting season! His kids and grandchildren were his greatest joys. Growing up they spent a great deal of time at the deer camp. After he retired, he moved to the country and farmed catfish and cows. He loved watching the calves in the spring, shooting coyotes and armadillos and driving around in his mule.

Don was a quiet man with an abundance of common sense. He was filled with a love of family, God and Texas. He grew to love Texas A&M too and followed Aggies sports with his daughter Donna and grandson Cooper. He always had

to time to listen and gave the greatest advice. But he was good about only giving it when asked. He was the first call he kids would make when contemplating “what to do”. He had a total of 6 grandkids and enjoyed hearing stories and spending time with them.

Even in the last two years, when challenged with medical issues, Don’s spirit, love and generosity never wavered and even grew. All who were fortunate to call him friend or family, were blessed by his wit and loyalty.

Don is survived by his brother Dale Costilow and his family, his daughter, Donna Costilow Wolski, her husband Dave and their children Cooper, London and Arden, his sons Mark Costilow, Luke Costilow, Matthew Terry, his wife Amber and their children Maxwell, Aiden, and Charlotte.

Funeral services for Don will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 6th at Sam Houston Funeral Home in Huntsville. Visitation will be Friday, May 5th from 6:00 to 8:00.

Cemetery Details

Brimberry Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Don Howard Costilow*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Don has passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mark and Donna.*
-Candy

Candace Bruce - May 06, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *I came to work for Don as a young officer at coffield 1972 and continued at Wynne farm. He was an inspiration,advisor,and mentor to me my 30 yr career he will be missed greatly.*

Jimmy alford - May 05, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Vicki And David Easley lit a candle in memory of Don Howard Costilow*



Vicki and David Easley - May 05, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Don Howard Costilow.*



May 05, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear that Don passed away. My sincere condolences.*



Bridgette Neeley Clay - May 05, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Don was one of my very first mentors. He showed me how a good manager should treat people, whether in grey or white. Condolences and prayers to his personal and correctional families. Bob Lampert, Director, Wyoming Department of Corrections*

Bob Lampert - May 04, 2017 at 10:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Howard Costilow.*



May 04, 2017 at 07:56 PM

WS

“ Don had a profound influence on my life and my career. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss.

Wayne Scott

Wayne Scott - May 04, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Howard Costilow.



May 04, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Howard Costilow.



May 04, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Don Howard Costilow.



May 04, 2017 at 10:14 AM

DH

“ *Dianna & Steve Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Don Howard Costilow*



Dianna & Steve Holbrook - May 04, 2017 at 08:17 AM

GG

“ *Don was my first warden on Wynne. He helped me be successful and was an understanding and helpful ear me as a young teacher. Blessings to the family.*

Greg Gathright - May 03, 2017 at 09:49 PM

DT

He was a great warden at the Wayne Unit. He was a fair and honest with everyone. I really enjoyed having him as my warden. Good bye old friend, Donald L. Taylor

Donald L. Taylor - May 03, 2017 at 10:59 PM

 Vicki Easley

I worked with Don in Classification and Records. He loved to tell about his hunting trips, could tell a good joke, was fair, and honest. Loved those chocolate chip cookies. I enjoyed working with him. My prayers are with the family during this time.

Vicki Easley - May 04, 2017 at 01:00 AM

MP

I didn't get to know Mr. C until about 1996, when I got on the Brushy Prairie Lease. Over the years, I came to know him as a friend, a mentor and one of the most successful deer hunters I've ever met. He was much more than that though, as is evidenced by the many friends that were drawn to him. I am proud to call Don a friend and I will miss him until I see him again. My prayers for his family.

Mike Pace - May 04, 2017 at 09:36 AM