



Donald Parrish

January 14, 1945 - April 14, 2026

Donald “Don” “D” Parrish, 81, of Montgomery, Texas, passed away on April 14, 2026, leaving behind a legacy that is equal parts craftsmanship, celebration, and just enough mischief to keep things interesting.

Originally from Daingerfield, TX, a proud Texas Tech alum and 35-year veteran of Shell Oil, Don approached life with energy—from his early days as one of the fastest 100-yard dashers (9.4 seconds) of his time to his later years, when he refined his golf game, nurtured his love for trains, and mastered woodworking. If it could be built, played, or improved upon (especially the rules), Don was all in.

For 20 years, he was a dedicated member of the Krewe of Bacchus, riding in 20 Mardi Gras parades with friends who still have stories they may or may not be willing to share publicly. It was one of his favorite traditions and a reflection of how he lived—fully and with good company.

At home, Don was known for his unmistakable laugh and his creative approach to family games, where his rules were often flexible and the celebrations were not. Though he carried himself like a tough guy, those closest to him knew his softer side well, especially when it came to Officer Nancy, his son’s K-9, who could regularly be found in his lap or beside him on the floor.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Shirley Parrish; his children, Michelle (Lars) Couturier, Kelli Parrish Rand, Eric (Gigi) Morton, and Marci (David) Parrish Pullias; and grandchildren, Emery and Everett Morton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.D. and Lorraine Parrish, and his brothers, Jimmy and Doug Parrish.

If you knew Don, you likely have a story—and that's exactly how he would have wanted it.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Donald Parrish's memory by making a donation to the American Cancer Foundation or to a cause that is close to your heart.

(Make donations to the American Cancer Foundation please go to cancer.org and click on the donate tab.)

Previous Events

Memorial

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

North Shore Church
18501 W FM 1097
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I was younger than Don by a few years but knew him through football. And his senior year track team was amazing. When he was recruited to Tech, he was told the air was so dry out there, you could park and make out all night and never break a sweat! As a young Tiger, I looked up to Donald.

Mike Campbell - April 22 at 07:44 PM

DW

“ Linda and I are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. While we had not seen him in quite a long time, we will always carry fond memories of his wit and personality. I truly enjoyed working with Don and can honestly say he was one of the good guys. Rest in peace my friend.

David Williams - April 21 at 01:03 PM

WM

“ Sherri and I have known Don for almost 50 years. He was invaluable to my career with Shell Oil and for that we will always be grateful. He was an all-around great guy and we are proud that he and Shirley have been our friends for all of these years. His passing is a loss for all who knew him and we will fondly remember his “straight and serious” look followed by his “mischievous” grin and chuckle. Rest in peace Don and thanks for all of the great memories.

Ward and Sherri McCarley

Ward & Sherri McCarley - April 19 at 08:25 PM

AJ

“ Aleta, Kera, and Marnie Justiss purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Parrish.



Aleta, Kera, and Marnie Justiss - April 19 at 11:24 AM

AJ

“ Aleta, Kera, and Marnie Justiss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Parrish.

Aleta, Kera, and Marnie Justiss - April 19 at 11:24 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Parrish.



April 17 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Parrish.

April 17 at 04:59 PM

BC

“ *Billingsley Company purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald Parrish.*



Billingsley Company - April 17 at 11:23 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Parrish.*



April 16 at 07:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Parrish.*

April 16 at 07:04 PM