



Wayburn Donald Dalton

March 30, 1934 - July 20, 2019

Wayburn Donald “WD” Dalton, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in his sleep on July 20, 2019, following his 2 year battle with metastatic colon cancer. He was born in Edinburg, TX on March 30, 1934 to his parents Delbert D. Dalton and Rose Lee Powers, who preceded him in death. He was a devoted husband, Daddy & Big Dad to many, and known by his grandkids & greats as Papoo, Pappy, & Paps.

He spent 55 years of his life living mostly in Mercedes, TX. While attending Mercedes High School he loved sports and excelled in track holding records for a long time for his High & Low Hurdle Jumping and Pole Vaulting. As a young man he started working at Magic Valley Electric Co-op in the Maintenance Dept. where his “pole climbing” expertise was famous state wide until the company bought their first bucket truck. During this early time he was drafted into the United States Army but was transferred to the USA Reserves for 6 years. After 16 years at MVEC, he transferred to Blue Bonnet Electric Co-op in Lockhart where he continued in the Maintenance Dept. for the next 7 years. He returned to MVEC in 1978 and became the Superintendent of the Maintenance Dept. until his retirement in 1989 with 34 years of service to the rural electric customers. For over 16 years he served his community as a Mercedes Volunteer Fireman.

There were many activities that he dearly loved to do including fishing,

hunting, gardening, and traveling. Teaching these past-times to his children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, as well as many nephews and nieces was his passion. When he moved to Montgomery in 1996, he continued to fish, do target practice with his pellet & BB gun and his bow & arrow, and especially grow tomatoes and a few other veggies he would share with his friends and family.

WD is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lady E. Dalton, his twins Jerri Kay Dalton Clark & Garry Ray Dalton, their shared children Dee Franklin Shotwell & Jeff Franklin along with their 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nephews & nieces, and brother Harold.

Graveside services along with a Celebration of his Life are pending. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Montgomery County Memorial Library Genealogy Dept. or your choice of charity.

The family wishes to thank Conroe's Sam Houston Cancer Center Doctors & staff, Pathfinder Home Health staff, especially PT Bennie, and the Hospice Plus staff, especially RN Cody & CNA Rebecca for their loving care.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wayburn Donald Dalton*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I will always love my Papoo. A kind loving grandpa and father figure to me when I needed him. Papoo showed me the real meaning of patience and appreciation in life's simple things like a sunset, a breeze, a good meal and good conversation with family and friends. I miss you so much and I'm so glad to call you my Papoo. Love Remy*

RexAnn - July 31, 2019 at 07:43 PM



Is there any way of contacting this family ?

Katrina - January 08, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Love you, Big Dad! Loved spending time at ya'lls house - such love and fun! Thank you for teaching me how to make bullets, cleaning birds-taking us to the beach - the laughter-stories - always ready to give a big bear hug <3 miss you -xoxo Cherie*

Cherie Swarengin - July 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM