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Donald Cassell, 78, of Houston, Texas passed away on Thursday, June 7th. He was born in Burkburnett, TX. Don had many talents, playing piano which he studied at Sherwood School of Music in Chicago, his passion was working in his dad's gun shop, later he created beautiful wood work pieces ranging from home décor to furniture.

Don served in the U.S. ARMY & Reserves from 1963, he trained as a Sharp Shooter and Rad Teletype Operator with Honorable Discharge in 1969. Don retired from Southwest Saw Corporation that is in Houston in 2004.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Cassell and Lillie Jackson, three of his four siblings; brother Edsel, sisters Joy and Christina., He is survived by his daughters; Paula Hathorn, and Anita Reeve (Van), grandchildren; Logan Hathorn (Stephanie), Shea Hathorn, Justin Reeve (Jayneen), great grandchildren; Jordyn and Jace Reeves, and several nieces and nephews.



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AN

Anita posted:

Time goes so fast, miss and love you, daughter number 2

June 7 at 4:17 PM

AR

Anita Reeve posted:

Happy Birthday Don, I love and miss you, love daughter no. 2

October 20 at 5:27 AM

AR

Anita Reeve posted:

Happy Father's day, love & miss you, love Anita

June 21 at 5:31 AM

AN

Anita posted:

Don, its been 2 years, time sure goes by fast, I love & miss you & mom

June 7 at 7:28 AM

AR

Anita Reeve posted:

Happy Birthday Don. Love & Miss you, your daughter Anita

October 20 at 4:57 PM

AR

Anita Reeve posted:

June 7th, it's been a year. ,every day goes so fast, I love and miss you & mom

June 10 at 5:17 PM

AI

Ainta posted:

My dad can breathe now, no more struggling. Life feels so different knowing my mom and dad are no longer here, but knowing they are in a better place gives me peace, I love and miss you both so much, your daughter Anita

June 26 at 4:01 PM



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PH

Paula Hathorn posted:

Thank you for being the best Dad and grandfather to Logan & Shea. You taught us so much & taught the boys so much more, from making things out of wood, respect for guns & collecting coins. You are already missed & forever in our hearts Love you Paula

June 16 at 8:40 PM

RM

Rick Matthews June 20 at 5:38 PM

So sorry that my uncle Don has passed, I know he is in a better place now and his difficult daily struggles are over. I saw Don 6 months ago and did not know how he could have possibly gathered the strength to go on even another day. I think he felt he could keep going on because he had such great support from Anita and Paula. They did a great job of taking care of him in a very difficult situation. I shared a bedroom with Don when I was 8. I was able to work with him at the gun shop for quite awhile later. Lots of great memories there. Don was my best man in "74", should have seen him in that crushed velvet, royal blue tuxedo, and that ruffled shirt!!! We soon went our separate ways and as lot of us do, we grew apart. He made a great effort to come to Dads funeral and we got to visit for awhile. I'll miss him, and I will always remember him.

CE

Cindy Cassell Eichenberg June 17 at 10:29 AM

Anita and Paula, so sad to hear of Uncle Donald's passing. I remember a visit to your home near Houston and how welcomed he and Betty made us feel. Donald had many special gifts and talents and we know he will be greatly missed.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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