



Donald Poe

April 9, 1945 - July 12, 2023

Donald Edwin Poe was born to I.V. and Irene Poe on April 9, 1945. He left this earth on July 12, 2023. Don was preceded in death by his parents, IV and Irene Cagle Poe; wife Johnnie Mann Poe of Bear Creek, and brother Mitchell Poe of Monroeville.

Visitation will be Tuesday July 18, 2023 11:00AM - 1:00PM at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville, AL. Funeral service at 1:00PM in the chapel, with Vance Hutton and Richard Crumpton officiating, Burial to follow in Bear Creek Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Sandra Norwood Poe; one daughter, Amanda Poe Cunningham (Donny) of Winfield; one brother, Gary Poe (Theresa) of Carrollton, GA; one sister-in-law, Nelda Poe of Monroeville; one granddaughter, Abby Cunningham of Winfield.

He is also survived by mother in law, Lucy Rose of Bear Creek, AL.; brother in law, Mike Patterson (Barbara) of Sheffield; stepdaughters Kim Samuels (Tracy) of Fort Myers, FL; Paula Burch (Joey) of Opelika; and stepson Jeff Norwood (Bridget) of Town Creek. He has seven step grandchildren: Ashley Rose Adams (Aaron), Paige Burch Tatara (Joey), Lindsey Norwood McCutcheon (Tom), Jon-Michael Rose, Payton Norwood, Molly Burch

Thompson (Trace), and Levi Norwood. Additionally, he is survived by six step great-grandchildren: Leonna, Kristian, and Luca Barbery; Emerson and Caleb Tatara; and Charlotte McCutcheon;

Don taught Agriscience at Phillips High School for many years prior to his retirement as well as in Rockmart, GA and Evergreen, AL. In addition to teaching, he was FFA sponsor and could often be found working on projects around Phillips High School whenever he was called upon. He was a member of Bear Creek No. One Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank Jamie, Julia, Wayne, Todd, Bryan, and Becky of Gentiva Hospice for the wonderful care and support they provided to Don and the family while he was under their care. Also, a special thanks to Dr. Jeremy Thompson of Medical Associates of the Shoals and Dr. Jerry B. Williams of Sheffield.

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for your loss,



Sam Heath - July 18, 2023 at 05:45 PM

GW

“ Prayers for Donnie's family and friends.. Remember him " mostly as a neighbor up the road." Rode the school bus with him, Happy to see that he later learned to like school. My family had a lot respect for all the Poe family's. Oma Reed Barnes

gayla wyatt - July 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM

JC

“ I have fond memories of Donnie all the way back to the days when he was an upperclassman at Phillips High School and I was in lower grades. God bless and comfort all of his family and friends.

Jimmy Cole - July 18, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ He was the kind of teacher that would let us do anything we wanted. No, that doesn't mean what it sounds like, either.

Mr. Donnie Poe was encouraging when it came to our interests. One year he had an unfair shake of a class that included a few of us regulars - and a lot of 'irregulars'....the kind that could hardly be trusted with idle hands, much less power tools. So we would go into shop class and with his guidance - as he still watched over the other ruffians - we could do what we wanted. Make a post driver from spare metal and pipe? Build a hayring? Weld an exhaust tip on a car? Ok. Sure. Sounds good. Here's what you need to do. He was the kind that showed us not only the what-to-do and how-to-do-it but also the what-not-to-do and how-to-not-do-it.

His table saw demonstrations of what happens when you lose control of your material were legendary. His 'tool identification' rundown to almost every class humorously included the story of Ben Phillips calling a ball peen hammer a "tractor hammer" because daddy had always kept one on our tractors - and man did he enjoy that story.

He corrected us if needed on projects, and corrected those who needed it on attitudes - and got really tickled when we were hanging vinyl siding on a ticket booth and tried to spin it to him that "we're only off by a quarter".

He introduced me to welding, carpentry, Jerry Clower stories, the Peach Park, and the Alabama Farmer's Market. When I hear Patty Loveless singing "Blame it on your (mean mistreatin') loving heart" I think back to being on a trip with Bart Phillips and him in his two-tone GMC pickup, a nice truck that everyone knew was his when they saw it.

He had the distinct hands of a craftsman, unique greetings, and an unmistakable laugh. He loved to joke, and looked forward to sending someone looking for the "board stretcher" when we'd cut one too short.

I've never heard anyone laugh as hard at "shoot up here amongst us!" as he did, and I've never stopped at the Peach Park without

thinking of him. And I hope I never forget to remember.

He was a good one.

Thank you Mr. Poe for being an influence on us, for being a believer, a staple of Phillips High School, and a fixture of Bear Creek. And thank you, Amanda Poe Cunningham , for sharing him with us.

Terrell Phillips

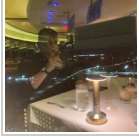
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Terrell Phillips - July 18, 2023 at 02:50 AM



“ *A long-time friend and colleague, always with a joke, a smile, an encouraging word. Peace and prayers for the family. Rest in peace, Donnie. Dan Raburn*

Dan Raburn Author - July 16, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ I received word of this from my father, Dan Raburn. They worked together at some point at the Textile, I believe, and Mr. Donald Poe had read a book of my father's that was published in 1985. It was a western novel.

Well, when I was in elementary, Donald Poe was an agricultural teacher at Phillips High School in Bear Creek. When he saw me in the hallway, he would pose for a fast draw. Sometimes he would get me, too! Other times, he'd let me win.

Later, I had Mr. Donald's class, and he did much talking to the class about the dangers of drinking and drugs. It was from him that I learned what people were doing when they huffed paints.

One day, I remember very well, he was giving a little talk against drinking and driving. In conclusion, he said, "You can't sober someone up by giving them coffee," explaining, "Hey, all you get is a wide awake drunk!"

I was in hysterics. He was very surprised that I'd never heard that before.

I want to take this opportunity to express my solemn condolences to the family. Mister Donald was a most generous, enchanting man, and I'm sure he will be sorely missed.

Thank you for all that you did, Donny.

-Ty Raburn

Former student of Freddie Poe, Anita Poe, Donald Poe, and Johnny Poe, in that order.

Ty Raburn - July 15, 2023 at 11:19 AM

GT

“ Amanda and Sandra, We are so sorry for your loss. Donnie was a kind, loving and fair man. We have fond memories of all the family when we lived and grew up there. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this sad time. In Christ, Gina and Jan.



Gina Lauderdale Terry - July 14, 2023 at 03:01 PM

TC

“ I remember Mr. Poe. From School I seen the name and thought about it, and him. then I remembered him and he was a kind person to me not sure if I was in his class, but I remember his name, My thoughts and prayers go out to the family may he rest in peace.



Teresa Camp - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JH

“ joan Huggins lit a candle in memory of Donald Poe



joan Huggins - July 13, 2023 at 11:53 PM