



## Donald Eugene Vaden

December 24, 1947 - September 5, 2015

Donald Eugene Vaden, longtime Beggs area resident, died Saturday, September 5, 2015 at his home. He was 67 years of age. Don was born December 24, 1947 in Arkansas City, Kansas to the late William "Bill" and Wilma (Dillon) Vaden. He married Ruth Shelton on April 13, 1970 in Nowata, Oklahoma. Don served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was an air conditioner mechanic and he loved sitting around a campfire, drinking beer and "b-s"ing with the boys. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Clifford, Clay, Dan and Howard Vaden and a sister, Hazel McKnight. Survivors include his loving wife, Ruth Vaden, sisters, Barbara Young, Marilyn Smith and Karen Wilke, brothers, Earnie, Lonnie, Jim and Les Vaden and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Maple City Cemetery near Arkansas City. Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs, Oklahoma.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Don's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Maple City Cemetery

Maple City, KS 49664

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Donald Eugene Vaden

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Ruth, it's February 2021 and I just tried to locate you so I could send you 2 pictures. You probably don't remember me but I was Roger Booth, Sr's aunt Mary Jo White in Princeton, WV. I was so happy to meet you and to know that you two cared enough about Roger to drive the long distance from OK to attend his funeral. That's what I call a great friend. I've tried several times to locate you. I'm so sorry to learn that Don passed. Our sincere sympathy.

Mary Jo White - February 22, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ i remember Don and Dale Stover showing me how to really party somewhere down in okla.a night i'll never forget,so i'll say thank you old friend, and we'll see you later

mike hoskins - September 09, 2015 at 05:41 PM



“ I remember when my Dad (Clay) and Uncle Don and the family went out on the pontoon boat my dad had. Uncle Don and Smokey got me to the front of the boat and my dad actually put the front end into the water, with me on the front! Uncle Don and Smokey and my dad were all laughing there butts off! You will be missed Uncle Don. Ruth....my love, prayers, and peace be with you!

Love,  
Debra Kay

Debra Humphreys - September 08, 2015 at 10:38 PM

AC

“ *When I was younger we went to visit Uncle Don & he let us play with his raccoon's. We fed them sugar cubes & of course they dunk everything in water the confused look on the coon's faces were priceless & so were our laughs. Great memories were made on that trip.*

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**Alecia Carter** - September 08, 2015 at 09:36 PM

LV

“ *I will miss those camp fire visits brother and as we joked before I will have that Beer for you Love You and Rest in Peace.....Lonnie Vaden*

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**Lonnie Vaden** - September 08, 2015 at 09:03 PM

SH

“ *I, too, remember Uncle Don as a story teller. At holidays it was always fun hanging around and listening to the animated stories that were being told. He was always laughing, joking, and teasing. He will be missed.*

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**shelly** - September 08, 2015 at 07:59 PM

LD

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Larry Dillon** - September 08, 2015 at 07:54 PM

LD

*Found this 1952 photo of the gang, Donnie is 3rd from left between Mike and Larry*

**Larry Dillon** - September 08, 2015 at 07:56 PM

TD

“ *Don was one of my oldest friends ,over 50 years and a many aweekend in nerkirk,we stayed in touch clear up to the end ,we had a lot of good times and lotsof memorys He will be missed by many.*  
*Tony Davidson*

**Tony Davidson** - September 08, 2015 at 05:23 PM

LD

“ *In my younger days I have several fond memories of Donnie. Too many years and to much distance. We grew up in a great family.*

*Larry Dillon*

**Larry Dillon** - September 08, 2015 at 04:24 PM

DW

“ *I remember aa a kid during holidays at grandma and grandpa's house, Uncle Don would be in the kitchen.by the sink telling stories in an old feeble voice imitating someone else. His eysles would light and as he told the stories. He made me laugh so much*

**Denise Wagner** - September 08, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ *Connie Banister lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Vaden*



**Connie Banister** - September 08, 2015 at 10:32 AM

MS

“ Don was my brother just older than me. We would have the usual brother-sister fights. We were both young and far from home one thanksgiving. I cooked my first holiday dinner, turkey and all the trimmings. We sat down to eat but the turkey was not done. Don made squawking noises as I tried to carve the turkey. I cried and he comforted me and then he cried. I was 16 and he about 19. I still tell that story today. Love you brother. Rest in peace.

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**Marilyn Smith** - September 06, 2015 at 03:09 PM