
Marvin Donald Presley(1935 - 2016)

PRESLEY, Marvin (Don) Donald Marvin (Don) Donald Presley was born September 28, 1935 in Dallas to Eugene Kelton and Mary Katherine (Terry) Presley. His years of retirement were spent in the hill country of Lakeway, and he passed away March 9, 2016 in Austin, TX. He was a Dallas native growing up in the Lakewood area, where his father owned the Presley Bakery, which later moved to Lovers Lane, and a graduate of Highland Park High School Class of 1954. Don was a left handed pitcher leading the "54" Highland Park Scot's to the State Baseball Championship game and was selected to the All State team. Due to his scholastic and athletic achievements he was awarded a scholarship to play baseball at SMU graduating in 1959. While at SMU, he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was an All Southwest Conference pitcher, played two summers for the Alpine Cowboys semi-pro team in Alpine, Texas, and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox organization where he played for four years. After Don's baseball career, he was hired by his alma mater, Highland Park H S to coach the Varsity baseball team, the JV football team and to teach American History & Government. After four years at HPI SD, he went to work at Southwest Sanitary Supply Company with some fellow SMU lettermen. Don was the Vice President of Sales until he retired in 2010. He won numerous salesmanship awards and valued the many meaningful relationships he made with co-workers and business associates. Don loved coaching. He coached his two sons and many other young men. He coached the Blue Raiders football team for nine years through the Park Cities YMCA and many baseball teams from the North Dallas Chamber Baseball League through the Semi-Pro Dallas Leagues. He served as President of the North Dallas Chamber Baseball League for two years where he received recognition for significant and outstanding achievement from the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Don enjoyed the outdoors especially hunting, fishing and golf. His idea of unwinding was working in the yard. He loved road trips with his family which included ski and beach vacations. Later, he and Betti took trips to places exploring genealogy roots, San Francisco, Santa Fe, and Ruidoso with friends. He was supportive of his children's activities and athletic endeavors as they were growing up. The foundation for Don's entire life was based on the teachings of his Christian faith learned as a small boy raised in the church and would later build upon as a father, husband, brother, uncle, friend, business colleague, coach and teacher. He was loved and will be missed by all. He was pre-deceased by his mother- Mary Katherine (Terry) Presley, father- Eugene Kelton Presley, brothers- Jack and J L "Red" Presley. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Betti Moise Presley of 28 years, daughter Marjori Burciaga, son and daughter-in-law Danny Presley (Lu), son and daughter-in-law John Presley (Nature), grandchildren Karen Burciaga, Katie Burciaga Dere (Thomas), Michael Burciaga, Kel Presley, Caroline Presley Cole (Josh) as well as a nephew and nieces. Don's memorial service will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 2pm at Park Cities Baptist Church (Ellis\ Chapel). Donations may be made to Highland Park ISD Education Foundation, 4201 Grassmere Lane, Dallas 75205.

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