



In Loving Memory of
Donald Scott Short

June 10, 1938 – February 16, 2024

Donald Short, age 85, of San Antonio, TX passed away peacefully on February 16th, 2024.

Donald, or Don, as he liked to be called, was born on June 10th, 1938. After he graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1956, he attended Indiana University and the University of Oklahoma.

Don served in the Army Reserves. In 1957 he became active duty and trained at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA to study Russian and German.

Don served 3 years with the Army Security Agency until 1960. During Active-Duty service, Don was stationed in Germany at the former border to East Germany. After being Honorably discharged he served 3 more years Reserve Duty.

After his return from Germany Don moved from Oklahoma to Rockville, MD where he worked for the Federal Government. Don made a career change to become the store manager and later warehouse manager for McIntire Hardware store. His entrepreneurial instinct eventually led him to open his own hardware store.

Another career change led him into Real Estate, working for Coldwell Banker. After his Real Estate career Don started a home painting business and moved to South Carolina and later came to live with his daughter in San Antonio, Texas.

Don was a proud member of the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard, Rockville MD, winning several national competitions. Don loved horses and being with them was his happy place. He loved animals, football, golf and history.

Don is predeceased by his mother Mildred Bumpers and his father Donald Short.

Don was a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, and brother. His memory will carry on in our hearts forever and his stories will continue to be told.

Don is survived by his sister Charlene Crocker, brothers Calvin Joseph Short, and Jean Paul Lauren, his son Michael Short and wife Anna, his daughter Catharina Kiaha and partner Peter Owen, his grandchildren Pamela Valdivia and husband Ian, Amy Sasser and husband Brad, Julie Fruge and husband Sean, Timothy Keal and wife Jazmine, Stephen Keal, his great grandchildren Elijah Fruge and fiancée Crista Mason, Kamdyn, Keira and Rylan Valdivia, Everett and Emery Sasser, Juergen and Abraham Keal, Raven Keal, and his great great grandchildren Lylah and Adriana Fruge.

Former spouse Sue Short (Rowland), the late John Rowland, David Rowland, Virginia Rowland, grandchildren Jonathan and Lindsey Rowland.

We are grateful for the loving care and assistance received by caregiver Tangela Reed, the Vitas Hospice team 552, especially Social Worker Anna Rackley, nurse Vicky Ramos, and Chaplain Michel Aveledi, and the staff at Parklane West Healthcare Center.

A viewing and celebration of life will take place March 7th, at 11:30 am at Watershed Church, 9315 Broadway, San Antonio Tx. 78217, followed by a Military Funeral Service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio Tx 78209, Shelter # 1

