



Don Sharp

February 19, 1933 - May 26, 2011

Donald R. Sharp of Pauls Valley, OK entered this life born to Clarence C. Sharp and Florence H. (Preston) Sharp in Jackson, California on February 19, 1933 and entered eternal life on May 26, 2011 at the age of 78 years.

Don loved model airplanes as a child. He worked alongside his father in the family lumber mill. He was a hard working son and a loving brother to his sisters. He enlisted in the Air Force on July 24, 1950 and was honorably discharged on July 24, 1954. He obtained his private pilot, commercial pilot and instructor rating preparing him for his lifetime career in aviation. Don married the love of his life, Judy Ronda Lents in Chickasha, OK on March 17, 1961.

The couple moved to Pauls Valley in 1963. At that time the Pauls Valley Municipal Airport was an auxiliary air base which saw very little general aviation activity. Don and Judy established their crop dusting business there and set to work. The Sharps established a Cessna dealership and each busy day they kept their personal commitment of improving the life of the Pauls Valley community by making every effort to improve its airport. The vision Don Sharp possessed, combined with hard work and determination, as well as Judy's support, molded the Pauls Valley Airport into what it is today.

Don was a member of the Oklahoma Agriculture Aviation Association and served as president in 1989. He was a life member of the Antique Airplane Association, a member of the Chickasha Auto Club and the Auburn, Cord, Dusenbergs Association. He was a member of the Pauls Valley United

Methodist Church.

Don enjoyed Fly-Ins and Swap Meets. He had a passion for collecting and restoring old cars and airplanes. The highlights of his life were those moments when he was flying and instructing new pilots. Many of his students went on to pursue careers as airline pilots, crop dusters, and military aviation related fields. They all carried with them his love for aviation.

Don loved to work and believed that any goal could be achieved with hard work. He instilled this work ethic in his sons.

Don is survived by:

Sons – Bo Sharp and Donnie Sharp

Daughters-in-Law – Donna Sharp and Shannon Sharp

Grandchildren – Coleton Sharp, Kaleb Sharp, Jade Sharp, Derek Chaffin, Logan Sharp, and Landon Sharp

Sister – Shirley Sharp Kabler and husband Stan

Sister-in-Law – Nancy Witt and husband Bill

Nephews – David Brown, Lents Brown, and Chris Witt and his wife Chancey

Nieces – Kathy Bader, Tina Brown

Preceding Don in death were his parents Clarence and Florence Sharp; wife Judy Ronda Sharp; sister Ella Sharp Brown and nephew John E. Azvedo.

Don's grandchildren will be serving as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Valley Hospice, 100 Valley Drive, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 or National Antique Airplane Association, 22001 Bluegrass Rd., Ottumwa, IA 52501.

Funeral services for Don are scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel in Pauls Valley with Rev. Larry Cornforth officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family or sign the memorial book and view the video at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com or at the funeral home from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Visitation

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Service

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“*Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Sharp*”

 Tribute Video



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don Sharp*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *A great experience of my life was learning to fly, with Don Sharp as my instructor. Thank you Don Sharp!
Now you fly with the wings of an Angel.
Perhaps you can instruct me again, when and if I qualify for those wings.##imported-begin##James E. Litchfield##imported-end##*

June 05, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ *Donnie and Shannon, I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. My father died 2 years ago and there still isn't a day i don't think of him or something he said, silly or not. The greatist gift he gave you were memories, so cherish them daily, it's all well with my soul. Please let me know where I can send a memorial for your dad.##imported-begin##Randy Hardy##imported-end##*

June 01, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you feel God's support through this time.##imported-begin##Vicki Kirtley and Perkins Family##imported-end##*

May 31, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“ We're very sorry for your loss, your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Charles & Melissa Cook###imported-begin##Charles & Melissa Cook###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *Bo and Donnie*

What a wonderful Mom and Dad you had. I loved them both and will miss them.

They were sure good to me from the first time I met them back in 1971.

God Bless you and your families.

John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
(KJV)*

Love you

Clyde and Jamie###imported-begin##Clyde and Jamie Leach###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. I grew up at the airport with Bo & Donnie. Don was a good man. My thoughts & prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Steve Watkins##imported-end##

May 30, 2011 at 11:57 AM



“ We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Sharp. Our prayers will be with your family.##imported-begin##Paul & Glenda Gould##imported-end##

May 30, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you during your time of sorrow. We are thinking and praying for you.

*Karrie (Gober) Ward and family
John and Vera Gober
Debbie (Gober) Davis and family##imported-begin##Karrie (Gober)
Ward##imported-end##*

May 30, 2011 at 12:48 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves us a gift of memories. May God's peace be with you.##imported-begin##Sandy Wells##imported-end##

May 29, 2011 at 04:17 PM



“ *We are so saddened at Don's passing. He was my mentor and great friend. He started my flying career. I shall remember him always.##imported-begin##Don Fincher##imported-end##*

May 28, 2011 at 02:53 PM