



Donald Laher

February 14, 1931 - February 26, 2006

Donald Clayton Laher age 75 of Dayton died Sunday February 26, 2006 in Rhea Medical Center. He was born in Grosse Point Farms, MI. on February 14, 1931 the son of the late Lamonte and Janie (McDonald) Laher.

Don graduated from Spring City High School class of 1948 and then served his country with the US Navy. He worked for the postal service and M & J Super Market until retiring from TVA after 28 years of service. Don was a member of Dayton First Baptist Church where he sang in the choir.

He is survived by his wife Helen Abel Laher of Dayton, his sons, Keith Laher of Dayton, Jay Laher of East Ridge and his daughter, Debbie Roberts of Dayton, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, brother, Robert Laher of La Habra, CA., sister, Lanelle Russell of Rossville, GA.

Funeral services for Don will be held Wednesday at 2pm in the Dayton First Baptist Church with Rev. J. Milton Knox officiating. He will lie in state at the church one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Spring City Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church building fund.

The family is being served by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Tuesday 4-9pm

Please share your memories with the family on their on-line guestbook at
www.vanderwallfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Dayton First Baptist Church
dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie, I am so sorry about your dad. I didn't know him but I know he has a sweet and special daughter. I am praying for you and your family. Take care of yourself and keep trusting God!*
Love, Donna###imported-begin###Donna Reel Hodge###imported-end##

March 07, 2006 at 10:48 AM



“ *Debbie, Keith, Jay and Family,*

I don't know if you remember us, but your Daddy and my Mother (Marjorie Collins) were great friends. You lived in the same neighborhood in Hixson as my brother (Hal & Gloria Collins) when you were children. I also knew your Daddy were well, my birthday is 2/15 and he would call me either on his birthday or mine. He lived next door to my parents when he was a child and wanted me to be born on his birthday. Anyway, we are so sorry for your loss, he was such a special person and we loved him. Please keep in touch, we remember you so well as children. Marjorie Collins phone# 396-3478, she is 88 years old, hard of hearing and it takes her a while to get to the phone. She would love to hear from you.

Sincerely, Karon Collins Clark###imported-begin###Karon Collins Clark & Marjorie Collins###imported-end##

March 03, 2006 at 10:37 AM



“ *Debbie, and family. I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. we also lost mom on Sunday. Our prayers are with your family, and please remember our family. I know that they are in Heaven with Jesus and all the pain and suffering is gone. With love, Martha Jo Tucker(Gloria's Cousin)###imported-begin###martha jo tucker###imported-end##*

March 02, 2006 at 11:38 PM



“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND WE AT MEMORIAL HOME HEALTH ENJOYED HIS FRIENDSHIP.###imported-begin###RACHEL MILLARD###imported-end##*

March 02, 2006 at 08:18 AM



“ *thank you so much to everyone for your thoughts and prayers. your kindness has been a reflection of dads wonderful grace and spirit. he touched so many people through his love for the lord. if we all continue to spread that same love then dad will continue to live on through us. god bless you all.###imported-begin###Jay and Lynette Laher###imported-end##*

March 01, 2006 at 11:33 PM



“ *Don was a precious man of God. I have only known he and Helen since I started attending First Baptist(a couple years ago) I know he is rejoicing as he is in heaven with many of his friends who have recently passed on. I know he is no long in pain or suffering. I keep your family and Helen in prayers. God Bless!###imported-begin###Mary Pendergrass###imported-end##*

March 01, 2006 at 10:40 PM



“ *Lanelle, we were sorry to hear about your brother. We're sure he will be missed by family and friends. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

Love in Christ##imported-begin##Leroy and Jo Ann Shaver##imported-end##

March 01, 2006 at 02:53 PM



“ *Don was a wonderful man and we will miss his great smile and sweet spirit but rejoice that he is with his Saviour!*

We're thankful for having had the opportunity to know him, laugh with him, even cook with him! He was a dear friend and a real blessing to us and our family. We loved him! God bless you all!##imported-begin##Neal and Jane Stultz##imported-end##

March 01, 2006 at 11:41 AM



“ Debbie, Keith, and Jay,

Saw the announcement of Donald's passing in this morning's paper. I am so, so sorry. He was an extremely kind and loving person. I recently remodeled my mother's house on Worthington Street in North Chattanooga. As you might recall, your dad painted the walls in the dining room and put up paneling ages ago when you lived a couple of houses down the street. I thought of your family when taking the paneling down, putting up sheetrock, and painting. He was good to my mother and daddy when they were still alive and while we were neighbors. Debbie, I came through Dayton a few years ago and attempted to contact both your parents, but didn't have any luck. I did see Betty and Alma at my mother's funeral in 1995. That was a long time ago, too! I see Jay lives in East Ridge and that you and Keith live in Dayton. I barely remember Jay, but remember you and Keith very well. I wanted to let you know that I will not be able to attend the services, but would have attended if I had known sooner. Please accept this note as an expression of sorrow for your loss. I would like to visit you at some point in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mike Carter##imported-begin##Mike Carter##imported-end##

March 01, 2006 at 11:17 AM



“ Keith& Teresa, I,m so sorry wish there was something I could do to make this easier,but I know there isn,t so I,ll pray for you,ll and the family. May the Lord comfore you .Love Dot.##imported-begin##Dot Gentry##imported-end##

March 01, 2006 at 08:16 AM



“ We Love You Poppy!! You will never be forgotten for the kindness in your heart!##imported-begin##Tonette, Rickey, Kerstin, and Precious##imported-end##

March 01, 2006 at 07:44 AM



“ Keith if I can do anything for you or your family just let me know. You all have my deepest thought and prayers.

sincerely,
Zachary Beene##imported-begin##Zachary Beene##imported-end##

February 28, 2006 at 11:02 PM



“ Don was a very nice and caring person. He made many children happy by making them blankets.I loved him very much. Sincerely, Olivia King##imported-begin##olivia##imported-end##

February 28, 2006 at 04:08 PM



“ Deepest Sympathies to the family of Don Laher.

In Christ's Love,
Sid and Sandy Tantiachai##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Sid Tantiachai##imported-end##

February 28, 2006 at 03:55 PM



“ You have our prayers and deepest sympathies. I will treasure the blankets Don made for my babies always. We call them our "Don blankies". He was so precious.

much love,

Pete, Renee, Zac, Olivia King##imported-begin##Renee King##imported-end##

February 28, 2006 at 03:02 PM



“ Mylove and prayers are with you all. Keep your head up. Let us know if we can do anything to help. The Smiths, Kevin, Jen and Kole##imported-begin##Jennifer Smith##imported-end##

February 28, 2006 at 08:26 AM