



Donald Roe Luther

July 6, 1929 - November 18, 2025

Donald Roe Luther, age 96, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2025. He was born on July 6, 1929, in Bon Aqua, Tennessee, and spent his retirement years in Centerville, Tennessee—a community he cherished deeply.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, William Roe and Mammie Weems Luther, and by his beloved wife, Mary McClain Luther. He is survived by his daughter, Donna (Chris) Coley; grandchildren Donovan (Mallory) Owens, Nathaniel (Erin) Owens, Mary Kate Coley, and Jon Creed Coley; and great-grandchildren Lincoln Roe and Annie Kay Owens. He is also survived by Brad (Monica) Davis, Lynn (Bubba) Nelms, many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Don held a special affection for all of his neighbors on Hickory Street, who enriched his days with fellowship and kindness.

After graduating high school, Don enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 18. He soon found himself stationed near London during the end of the Korean war, helping safeguard America's emerging atomic deterrence. Upon returning home, he worked briefly at Genesco—the local shoe plant—long enough to meet the love of his life, Mary.

Using the GI Bill, Don pursued his education and earned a master's degree in Education with a minor in Art. At a job fair near the end of his studies, he met

the company where he would spend his entire professional career. Crawford & Company offered just \$100 more per month than a teaching position with Metro Nashville Public Schools. As an insurance adjuster in the Memphis area, Don intentionally declined multiple promotions so he could keep his family rooted and continue caring for those he loved. Additionally, Don was a cherished Elder at Highland Street Church of Christ, where he was deeply loved by many, and remained actively involved in the life and service of the church.

Don's greatest joy was his family. He rarely missed a grandchild's ballgame, no matter the distance, showing up with steadfast enthusiasm and pride. He loved his community, served faithfully in his church, and lived his life with humility, devotion, and quiet strength.

The family asks that memorial donations in Don's honor be made to Camp Meribah, which serves the greater Hickman County area and surrounding counties. Operated by the Centerville Church of Christ, the camp welcomes more than 300 campers over three weeks each summer—more than half of whom are able to attend because of generous gifts of time and financial support. Don Luther gave both, and the camp held a special place in his heart.

He will be remembered for his deep love of family, unwavering faith, and the steady kindness he offered to all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Ronald Gammons - November 23, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Charlene Hall lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Charlene Hall - November 23, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson - November 21, 2025 at 06:46 AM



“ Loved Mr Don, will miss him at church !!
Barry, Melissa, & Ashley Shelton



Melissa Shelton - November 20, 2025 at 04:53 PM

RW

“ *We loved Don. Bobby and Rosa waynick.*

Rosa waynick - November 20, 2025 at 03:24 PM

ES

“ *Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther*



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - November 20, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Luther*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - November 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Luther*



Michael Bates - November 20, 2025 at 10:34 AM

BH

“ *Poppy was the best! To know him was to love him. He took care of Donna and her nurse family. He was really a kind and special person. He will be missed.....Hugs Donna and family.*

Beverly Hicks - November 20, 2025 at 12:38 AM

DN

“ *Dana Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther*



Dana Nicholson - November 19, 2025 at 09:07 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther*



Cheeva McClearen - November 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM

SS

“ *Sam and kim skelton lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther*



Sam and kim skelton - November 19, 2025 at 08:44 PM

AB

“ I have groomed for Mr.Luther for a long time. I just love him so much and will miss him terribly. He lived a long life, and I'm so proud I got to know him. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Amber Burks



Amber Burks - November 19, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CM

“ Christina Middleton lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Christina Middleton - November 19, 2025 at 06:11 PM

SA

“ Steve A Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Steve A Atkinson - November 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Sandi Westover - November 19, 2025 at 05:42 PM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Stanley & Judy Gordon - November 19, 2025 at 03:51 PM

WG

“ Don was a wonderful neighbor when we lived on Hickory Street. He took us n the bitterly cold night that our house burned. We pray for comfort for Donna and her family. John, Wanda Givens and Family

Wanda Givens - November 19, 2025 at 03:03 PM

SH

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Donald Luther



Sarah Hinson - November 19, 2025 at 02:52 PM