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Don M. Paulson Jr. left this world to join his Lord and Savior on November 22, 2020. The positive impact and legacy he left for us could fill countless pages. Don was born August 1, 1969, at Tinker Air Force Base Hospital to Leslie and Don M. Paulson Sr. His early childhood was spent in Washington D.C., Panama City, Florida, Dana/Jefferson Iowa, Wynnewood, and Oklahoma City Oklahoma. At an early age, Don had a love for OU football and was a talented athlete himself. He spent countless hours playing catch and tennis with his Grandmother Weta. He excelled in every sport he played: football, baseball, basketball, ice hockey, tennis, track, golf, swimming, and shooting. His cherished childhood memories were visiting his grandmother Eva, father Don, and his family in Iowa and summer/winter vacations with his mother Leslie and stepfather Tom Buxton's family in Colorado. Don graduated from Putnam City High School in 1987 and graduated from OU Health Sciences Center with a Bachelors's Degree in Nuclear Medicine in 1992. Don and his wife Janna were united in marriage on October 15, 1993, in South Lake Tahoe California. Don and Janna spent many weekends exploring California with friends, skiing, playing co-ed softball, and golfing for almost 10 years. After returning to Oklahoma, Don's pride and joy Abbey was born in 2003. Don never missed a single swim lesson, dance recital, school play, or football game that his daughter cheered (Dad could be seen in the stands doing the routines himself). Don was known as the IV guy; the guy you called when no one else could start an IV. He was the coworker everyone loved to work with. His career in healthcare spanned over 28 years; 20 of those years he spent working for St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, OK. His God-given talents provided countless patients and family members with the care they so richly deserved. Don is preceded in death by grandparents Herbert and Eva Paulson of Iowa, grandfather Merle Hays of Oklahoma, Step grandparents Dr. Merwin T. And Sue Buxton, step-grandfather Henry Thomas of Oklahoma, and



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mother in law Linda J. Epperson. He is survived by his wife Janna and daughter Abbey Paulson of Broken Arrow, OK, father Don M. Paulson Sr. of Stillwater, OK, mother Leslie and Tom Buxton of Edmond, OK, grandmother Weta Hays Thomas of Arcadia, OK, Aunt Millie Shores, Uncle Jay Buxton and wife Suzie, Uncle Bill Buxton, Uncle Steve Buxton, and wife Laura, Uncle Randy Thomas and wife Trish, Uncle Hank Thomas, Uncle Paul Thomas, and wife Jennifer, Aunt Mary Ryan and husband Mike, Uncle Sam Thomas and wife Tina.; cousins Stephanie Chiles and husband Cody, Carolyn Shores, Max Johnson, Tom Paulson, Darlowe Paulson and wife Debbie, Ken Schilling, Sean, and Shannon Paulson. Father-in-law Leonard Epperson and wife Vickie, sister-in-law Jill Jordan and husband Erik, nephew Brandon Pemberton, niece Baylee Bonnewell and husband Eli, nephew Easton Jordan, and great-nephew Kye. Survivors also include his numerous relatives from the Paulson/Johnson families, Hays/Watkins/Thomas families, and the Epperson family due to Covid restrictions, services are pending until further notice. Donations can be made fo ugift529.com with gift code L87-N1F for Abbey's college fund.



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Donna Huckabay-Beaudoin posted:

I am heartbroken to learn about your passing. I have such fond memories of Junior High and High School. Always looking through my purse for gum or candy to our walks or cruising around Twin Lakes in my camaro. You could always made me laugh!!! You would cheer me on during games (Basketball, Softball, Volleyball and track) You will always have a special place in my heart Don Buxton (my buggzyton). May you rest in peace. All my love and prayers to your family.

April 9 at 6:10 AM



Judy & Jim Puckett posted:

Leslie, Tom, Janna and Abbey, our hearts are broken for you in the loss of your wonderful son, husband and dad. Reading all the messages about Don and knowing his sweet Mom tells me what a great person he was, and how much he is missed. God bless you all with comfort only He can give. Love and prayers for you and all the Buxton, Paulson, and Epperson families. Judy & Jim Puckett(friends of Leslie and Tom)

December 7 at 7:59 PM



Barbara Sue Moore posted:

Don was the kindest and an excellent Nu Med Tech. I loved having him at our Radiology department in Fresno. Ca. Kaiser Permanente. I just loved his wife, Janna also. I really felt miserable when the moved to Oklahoma. Two Angel's, great employees. Don I cannot believe what I read last night about you passing You will with our Lord, Jesus until Ewe all join you later. 🙏🙏❤️

December 4 at 6:11 PM



Jill Jordan posted:

Don was that big brother I never had but always wanted. I was gifted just this when him and my sister were united in marriage in 1993. He was the Uncle that taught my daughter how to ride a bicycle, stepped in and took over some daddy duties to all 3 of my children when their own father couldn't. I chose my daughters middle name to be Morgan just like uncle Don's. One of the best moments and memories was in the early morning of May 1st, the day my beautiful niece Abbey was born, I've never see a man more proud of his two girls, Janna and Abbey. Love you brother, forever in my heart!

December 3 at 12:19 PM



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MJ

Mike Jones posted:

I had the privilege of working with Don over the past 5 years. He was a one of a kind man! Don was full of knowledge and happy to share it with his coworkers. I will always be amazed at how he went above and beyond to make every patient as comfortable as possible. I will greatly miss our talks about OU football and all the best food places around town. My heart aches for Janna and Abbey. Don was a man that truly loved his two girls, abundantly apparent with every Tea he would get Janna anytime he had a free moment at work. Don will be greatly missed.

December 2 at 2:27 PM

JE

Jenna posted:

I worked with both Don and Janna. They are both such kind people who are always thinking of others. Don worked in a different department of the hospital but was always there to lend a helping hand to others without complaint-I think his name appeared more than anyone else on the "IV help start list." Janna and Don's love for each other was always very apparent-he often brought her lunch and they would walk each other out to their cars if one had to work later. Sending big virtual hugs to you Janna.

December 2 at 8:55 AM

CQ

Chris Queen posted:

I had the joy of working with "Boy Don" and Janna for several years. These are the people that just make you smile. I would love to sing the B.C. Clark Christmas jingle with him one more time. I fully expect for Don to be waiting for me at the pearly gates with a smile and a sugar-free red bull. With love, CQ 2.0

December 2 at 7:37 AM

BW

Bo Williams posted:

Don was always a source of wisdom for me. He helped me through some very dark times. I will miss him very much.

December 2 at 6:45 AM

CD

Carol Scofield Dearing posted:

We send you love and prayers on the loss of Don. Our hearts ache for you.....☐

November 25 at 12:56 PM



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JS

Joni Shelton posted:

Sending prayers and love your way Janna and Abbey.

November 24 at 3:39 PM

RD

Roxalyn Dwyer posted:

Deepest sympathy to Don's loved ones. There are no words that can take your sorrow and pain away. Don has many loved ones in heaven greeting him who I was blessed to share my life with. I am a cousin from Iowa now living in Illinois. Don's father is my first cousin and his Grandmother Eva and Grandfather Herb were my God parents. Don was the first great grand son to Lena Melchert Paulson who was my Grandmother. I am praying for Janna and Abbey during this difficult time. Your cousin Roxalyn Dwyer (Paulson)

November 24 at 3:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Don by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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