



## Donald (Don) Nathan Towner

April 17, 1944 - November 19, 2021

Donald (Don) Nathan Towner, 77, a long time resident of Paola, Kansas passed from his earthly body on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Don was born on April 17, 1944 in Olathe, Ks to Nathan C. & M. Elizabeth (Masters) Towner.

Don served in the Army with the 159th Transportation Battalion - 1st Logistic Command in Viet Nam from 1966 TO 1968, He received several medals including a Purple Heart for his service. The horrors of that war remained with him the rest of his life.

He was a man of many talents - mostly mechanical. He was a Certified Ford Master Technician. He dearly loved racing, especially drag racing. He built many race car engines through the years. He also built engines for cars used in the Demolition Derbies in this area. He worked for the City of Paola for a period of time when he first moved to the area. He could repair anything from the smallest item to a complete engine rebuild. He was extremely benevolent - he made numerous targets for the Powder Creek Cowboys of Lenexa, Ks. and for the Paola Police Department. He would rebuild old bicycles for the Miami County Sheriff's Department for underprivileged children. He was quite artistic with the plasma cutter, making multiple statues, cutouts & even a farm gate. He repaired numerous vehicles and other items for people at no cost. He enjoyed camping, fishing - esp. fly fishing and traveling. He was especially fond of the Estes Park area of Colorado. He made many trips there with family and friends through the years.

Don is survived by his wife, Gloria; two sisters, Betty Justice (Earl) & Arlene Huchting; two brothers, Jim (Coralyn) & Larry (Cheryl); two sons, Rick (Anisa) & Rob (Maria); three daughters, Denise Wolverton (Joe), Tina Schwarz & Kari Malone (Joe); numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Mike and son Woodrow(Woody).


# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Don's passing. I remember him as a man with such a big heart & laugh! Mom & I could never repay the kindness he shown with fixing our car over the years.

A dish of fudge or some cookies and he'd get a big ol grin on his face.

All the family Birthday dinners that me, Joe & Woody shared were always such fun. These are precious memories I am blessed to have.

My thoughts and prayers are with you Gloria, Kari, Denise & family. May he be at peace. 

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