



## Don Marshall Claxton

April 16, 1949 - February 17, 2023

A celebration of life for Don Claxton, 73 of Giddings, will be held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Lion's Den in Giddings. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice Brazos Valley in appreciation for their loving and excellent care of Don in his final days.

Don was born in Evansville, Indiana on April 16, 1949 to Shine and Violet (Machen) Claxton. His family moved around quite a bit, but he graduated from high school in Kermit, Texas and reluctantly attended Texas Tech University to study Petroleum Engineering per his mother's wishes. He once told his kids he might hold the record for the most hours as a classified freshman as he willfully made it clear he really wanted to be a Texas State Trooper. He finally entered DPS Academy and gave the people of Texas over 30 years of service. He enjoyed his job and was proud to be a member of the DPS Pistol Team. He met Euna Cille Good and married her in 1972. Without hesitation, he immediately became father to Bronwyn and Christy. In 1974, Jeff was born and the family moved to Giddings, Texas in 1976. That's where the family home is today.

Don Claxton was a public servant who spent his career protecting the public as a Texas State Trooper. He was a firearm enthusiast, as well as a teacher and mentor to those who chose to join the DPS. He was a Little League coach, a fisherman and hunter, a painter, a marksman, and a true family man.

Upon retirement, Don went into full time Gramps duty as he spoiled his granddaughter Sadie with toys, games of catch, some coaching, and education on gun safety and hunting. He loved nothing more than target practice and mornings in the deer stand with his granddaughter. Sadie shared his attention with many, many rescue cats that often came home with Don as bottle babies. He was known to pick up stray babies on the side of the road while on patrol for DPS, and put them in his hat box until he could get them home for care.

Don was a gun enthusiast, master marksman, gun safety champion, and teacher. He loved his Saturdays in Columbus, Texas, with the Yaupon Creek Silhouette Association and his "shootin' buddies." He loved old Westerns. His favorite movie was "Shane." He loved military history, history of the American West, and wildlife conservation. Don was an artist and most of his paintings and drawings are of wildlife. He also made furniture and even created very lifelike replicas of many classic rifles.

The patron saint of cats and abandoned baby animals of all kinds passed away on Friday, February 17, 2023. It was a sunny day and he was surrounded by his family as he made his way to the home of heroes.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Albert "Shine" Claxton and Violet Claxton.

He is survived by his wife, Cille; children, Bronwyn & Patrick Ferrell of League City, Christy & Tammy Claxton of Austin, Jeff & Sharon Claxton of Giddings; granddaughters, Sadie Claxton of Giddings and Elizabeth Johnson Montana of Denver; brother, Bill & Peg Claxton of Denver, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Lion's Den  
1623 FM 141  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michael McHale lit a candle in memory of Don Claxton.*



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**Michael McHale** - March 14, 2023 at 12:20 PM

ET

“ *EB - VIP Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Marshall Claxton.*



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**EB - VIP Team** - February 27, 2023 at 03:05 PM

FM

“ *Don Claxton was one of the best state troopers. He taught me a lot. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Frank Malinak** - February 24, 2023 at 10:40 PM

CT

“ *Carmen Tovar lit a candle in memory of Don Claxton.*



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**Carmen Tovar** - February 24, 2023 at 11:26 AM

OS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Cille and family. He will be missed by the community.*

**OLLIE SIEGELER** - February 21, 2023 at 11:45 AM

CS

“ *Cheryl Iselt Sanders lit a candle in memory of Don Claxton.*



**Cheryl Friedrich Iselt Sanders** - February 19, 2023 at 09:13 PM

 Connie Pampell

“ *Connie Pampell lit a candle in memory of Don Claxton.*



**Connie Pampell** - February 19, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DD

“ *Dolly Droemer-Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Don Claxton.*



**Dolly Droemer-Hoeinghaus** - February 18, 2023 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Rebecca Sherrill** - February 18, 2023 at 07:48 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss.



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**Dwayne, Diana and Emily Schulze** - February 18, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Don Marshall Claxton.



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February 18, 2023 at 04:03 PM