



Donald "Don" Dee Hurst

November 28, 1945 - June 3, 2025

Funeral services for Donald "Don" Hurst, 79, of Hills, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church in Elgin, Texas, with Rev. Carl Roth officiating. A committal service will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Giddings City Cemetery in Giddings, Texas. Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation on Sunday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Don was born November 28, 1945, in Mexia, Texas to Ernest and Bessie (Huddleston) Hurst. He was one of six children. He was baptized in the Methodist Church and later confirmed in 1967 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Don was united in marriage to Carol Lerche on July 1, 1967, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. To this union they were blessed with two children, Matt and Amy. Don worked for more than 50 years as a book binder at Custom Bookbinders, starting as an employee, and eventually acquiring the business as sole owner. Don was very active at Grace Lutheran Church, where he held the position of Elder and President. He also served as the youth leader of Grace alongside Carol for over ten years. Don was very active in his community, serving on the Manor ISD school board, the Manor Little League, and serving as President of the Manor Athletic Booster Club throughout the years. Don enjoyed working his cattle with his dog Lacy by his side. He avidly supported his grandchildren in all their activities and sporting

events. His grandchildren will cherish the fond memories they made together at the beach every summer. From raising a family to working together at Custom Bookbinders to being their grandchildren's' # 1 fans, Don and Carol's strong bond was very special. You would never find one without the other throughout their 58 years of marriage.

Don passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at St. David's Hospital in North Austin surrounded by family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Bessie Hurst; four brothers, Ron, Charles, Wayne, and Bill, and two sisters, Patsy Christianson and Marge Rode.

Don is survived by his wife, Carol Hurst of Hills; son Matt Hurst and Regina of Giddings; daughter, Amy Turner and Stephen of Webberville; seven grandchildren, Matthew Hurst Jr. and Brooke of Smithville, Katelynn Benson and Tyler of Lexington, Chase Hurst of Hills, Avery Turner of Webberville, Kynley Hurst of Hills, Peyton Turner of Webberville, and Brylie Turner of Webberville; two great grandchildren, Ava Benson of Lexington and Brynnleigh Benson of Lexington as well as numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Pallbearers will be Ty Lerche, Lane Lerche, Logan Meuth, W.E. Meuth, Tanner Meuth and Zach Lay. Honorary pallbearers will be Nelson Zoch, Larry Axelson, Wesley Belz, Kyle Mogonye, Franklin Boettcher, Steve Christiansen, Ryan Knight, and Dale Ray Lerche.

Memorials may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund, ALS assistance @ ALS.org , or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section F)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUN 8. 10:30 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Church Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
801 W 11th St
Elgin, TX 78621

Graveside Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Giddings City Cemetery (Section F)
900 West Austin Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JA

“ *What a privilege it was to get a chance to know this good man.*

John Austin - June 08, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SE

“ *State Bar - Executive purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.*



State Bar - Executive - June 07, 2025 at 10:08 PM

PS

“ *Patsy Steglich lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Hurst*



Patsy Steglich - June 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM

FB

“ Friends and Coworkers at Texas Bar Books purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.



Friends and Coworkers at Texas Bar Books - June 06, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.



June 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TR

“ The Danielson's, Starks, and Reeves purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.



The Danielson's, Starks, and Reeves - June 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM

TR

“ The Danielson's, Starks, and Reeves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.

The Danielson's, Starks, and Reeves - June 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ Jo, Audrey, Kathy, Mitch purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.



Jo, Audrey, Kathy, Mitch - June 06, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.



June 05, 2025 at 06:06 PM

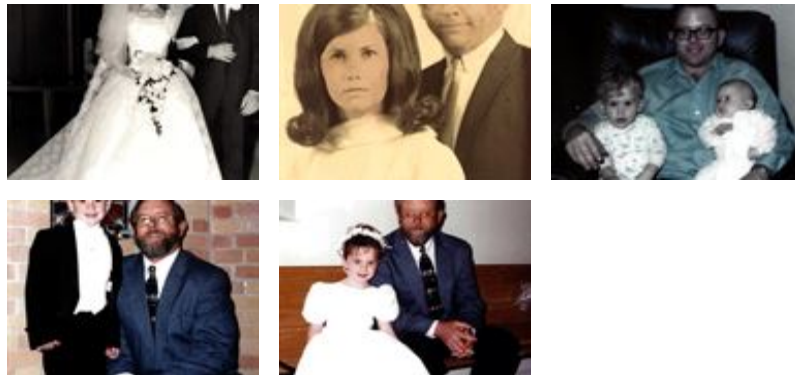


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Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald "Don" Dee Hurst.

June 05, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 04:15 PM

RC

Don was a high school friend and a great person. My thoughts and sympathy to Carol and his family.

Ruth Crouch - June 23, 2025 at 04:32 PM

CM

“ *Charles/Margaret Mersiovsky lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Hurst*



Charles/Margaret Mersiovsky - June 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM