



Roy "Don" Howington

12/7/1940 – 8/3/2022

Roy "Don" Howington, 81, of Amarillo Texas, passed away on August 3, 2022. Memorial services will be held Monday, August 8th at 2 pm at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Don was born in Gorman, TX on December 7, 1940, to Noel Orman and Easter Howington.

Don was an E4 crew chief on an A3D heavy-attack bomber and served as a rear gunner for the United States Navy. He told a lot of stories, and they were unimaginably true. He was a true patriot who survived two plane crashes.

After the Navy, he entered the world of finance where he helped small grocery stores get started by helping them secure low-interest loans. After he left finance, he joined Baxter Lane as part-owner where he opened a toy store within Baxter Lane called "The North Pole" during Christmas where he sold discounted toys to serve the underprivileged community. He often donated toys to those who were less fortunate, gaining the official title of Papa Elf. After leaving Baxter Lane, he and his late wife Lori kept the tradition by surprising shoppers by buying their purchases or handing them an envelope filled with cash. He was always active in helping churches he attended by donating needed resources and sponsored one of the Capuchin Poor Clare nuns. He later became the manager of the Clairmont and would often be seen walking through the facility to visit each resident, which always brought them joy.

More than anything, Don was a jokester and loved to make people laugh. He was always making up words like "gaboons." Every color was "mooseberry" and every ailment was "Patagonian..." He had many unique sayings, and it's unfortunate that some of them are not appropriate for his obituary because he would love to share them. There were two things he was serious about –scotch and those he loved. He had a small immediate family but a large extended family that included friends with whom he was close.

Don's advice for everyone reading this is to "Ride loose in the saddle of fate and head west."

He was preceded in death by Lori Howington, his wife, and his son, Roy Don Howington II.

Survivors include his sons, Barry Howington, Bob Benson, and many Grandchildren.