



Don Walton Sr., 69, of Amarillo died Friday, June 17, 2011.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel, 4180 Canyon Drive with Charlie Cox officiating.

Don was born in Dallas and raised in Bushland. He was a 1959 graduate of Tascosa High School and also attended West Texas State University.

He farmed in Bushland for 20 years until 1979. He then went to work in the car business as a finance man, He worked for Plains Chevrolet as well as other dealerships in Amarillo.

He married Sherry Shaw on June 17, 1988, in Bushland. They moved to Fredericksburg in 1990.

He returned to Amarillo in 2009. He was a longtime member of Bushland Baptist Church and was a member of Fredericksburg Baptist Church.

Don loved music and loved to sing. He played piano, violin and the flute. He was known for his great sense of humor and his love of laughter. He and with his wife served as foster parents for many years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nakita Fernandez; and his parents, James and Irene Walton.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Shaw; five sons, Don Walton Jr., John Walton and Marty Walton and wife Shani, all of Amarillo, Jim Walton and wife Dawna of Virginia, and Wendell Fernandez of Fredericksburg; three daughters, Tracy Ellerbrock and husband Adam of Cincinatti, Michelle Koetting and husband Mark of Amarillo, and Mallory Lynn and husband Nick of Fredericksburg; a sister, Carol Meeks of Bushland; and 16 gandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.