



## Donald Wayne Devazier

June 30, 1947 - September 19, 2023

Donald Wayne Devazier, departed this life on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, surrounded by loved ones following a brief illness.

Donald was born to Lenard “Shorty” Devazier and Edna Earl Burns Devazier on June 30, 1947. He was the second of four boys and grew up in the Caldwell community. Donald graduated from Forrest City High School in 1965 just before shipping off to basic camp as a member of the National Guard. After a brief stint in Fort Polk, La., he returned home to marry the love of his life, Carolyn Ann Davis Devazier on October 21, 1966.

After marriage, Donald worked most of his life in the trucking business. From long hauls to dump trucks and eventually trailer sales, he was always inclined to run trucks. Donald was a member of the First Baptist Church of Caldwell for 64 years, where he was known to many as the “Bubble Gum Man.” Wherever Donald was, he was sure to have a pocket of Double Bubble and was quick to share some with the kids.

Although he was frequently referred to as the ‘Bubble Gum Man,’ he was also known as “Uncle Duck,” “Daddy,” and his personal favorite, “Papa.” Donald was an avid reader and sports enthusiast. He spent many hours on the baseball field, in a deer stand, and in a bass boat. Later in life, Donald mastered the game of golf where he went on to win the Ridgecrest Country

Club Championship three times. He was eventually afforded the opportunity to play on the Augusta National Golf Course with his closest friends.

Papa enjoyed spending Thanksgiving at deer camp with his son and grandsons, family trips, and keeping up with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He especially loved playing Santa to his grandkids by hiding money in the Christmas tree. Some of the families' favorite memories were made at Greers Ferry Lake with him. Donald will be remembered for his witty sense of humor, sweet personality, and generosity. He was always willing to help a friend in need, and was the true definition of a family man.

Donald is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ann Devazier of the home; his son, Mike Devazier and his wife Kelly of Wynne, his daughter, Michelle Bennett and husband Chris of Wynne, six grandchildren; Brooklyn Devazier Wheeler (Kyle), Reeves Bennett (Courtney), Haven Bennett McCoy, (Luke), Brady Devazier (Addie), Hunter Bennett (Lindsey), and Hensley Bennett; seven great-grandchildren; John Luke and Libby Claire McCoy, Lawson and Landry Kate Wheeler, Blake and Jett Bennett, and Banks Bennett. Donald is also survived by two brothers; Leonard Earl Devazier (Stephanie) of Caldwell, Jerry Devazier of Wynne, and one sister-in-law, Linda Devazier of Forrest City. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, W. L. Devazier, and one sister-in-law, Bonnie Ratliff Devazier.

In remembrance of Donald Wayne, the family asks that you play a round of golf, take your family fishing, chew a piece of Double Bubble gum, and hug your family tight one more time.

Services for Mr. Devazier will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 2:00 P.M., Friday, with burial in Lindsey Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, 1:00 P.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Caldwell,

P.O. Box 251, Caldwell, Arkansas, 72322. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Lindsey

Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

SEP **22** (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery  
Barrow Hill Road  
Forrest City, AR

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Don’s passing. I think back to when I first met Don when I was 16 years old and I was playing with my first Cousin Bubba Lindsey in the L’Anguille Classic at Ridgecrest, it was a 2 man Scramble summer of 1985. Don made me feel so welcome he was great. He was playing in the tournament with my uncle B. He was Awesome. Later Don would come to Northwest Arkansas to play at Paradise Valley and Lost Springs in tournaments. When we built Marion Golf and Athletic Club. Don delivered all the Sand to the Golf course to build the greens. So thankful I got to meet Don Devazier. We will all see one another one day.

Lyndy Lindsey - October 04, 2023 at 12:01 AM

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“ Shirley Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Devazier



Shirley W. Thorn - September 26, 2023 at 11:31 PM

RS

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Devazier. Prayers for the family.

Rickey Stutts And Lisa Stutts - September 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

VR

“ He always said V.L. Broke up my no-hitter in little league. He had a great memory. I was blessed to have Donald for a long time friend. I will miss him. Prayers for the family.

Virgil Roberts - September 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.*



September 21, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.*



September 21, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *With deepest Sympathy to Donald's Family Thoughts and Prayers at this difficult time Patricia Carter Higgs, classmate*



**Patricia Higgs** - September 21, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.*



September 21, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.



September 21, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ Betty Benton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.



Betty Benton - September 21, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Devazier.



September 20, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Wayne Devazier.

September 20, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Wayne Devazier.

September 20, 2023 at 05:14 PM