

# Remembering the Life of

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave  
an afterglow of  
*smiles*  
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of  
*happy memories*  
that I leave behind  
When life is done.



*Donald Lee Houtchens*

1938 ~ 2025

Donald Lee “Don” Houtchens was born on April 13, 1938, in Fittstown, Oklahoma, to Daniel and Beulah (Carr) Houtchens. Growing up alongside his brothers, Don was always ready for the next adventure. The family later relocated to California, where the boys were raised and attended school.

It was in California that Charlene Faye McNutt caught Don’s eye. The young couple married in Patterson, California, beginning a life together that would see both challenges and enduring devotion. Though they divorced, their love never faded, and they remarried in Reno, Nevada. Don worked for San Joaquin County for 25 years in mosquito abatement before spending another decade on the county road crew.

Following Charlene’s passing in 2015, Don returned to Oklahoma to be near family, settling east of Blair. He filled his days with the hobbies he loved most—playing poker, cornhole, and fishing—but his favorite place to be was always the golf course. This ace of a man passed away peacefully on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the age of 87.

His beloved wife, Charlene; daughters, Donna Houtchens and Debra Houtchens; parents, Daniel and Beulah; and brother, Bob Houtchens preceded him in death. His fun and adventurous spirit will live on in his son, Jeff Houtchens and wife, Carrie; grandchildren, Jeff D. Houtchens and wife, Chealsey, Cynthia Smith and husband, Shane, Myles Conner, David VanDyke, Sara VanDyke, Jeffery Morris, Jennifer Skobrac, Harold Combs, and Heather Sartain and husband, James; brother, Wayne Houtchens and wife, Judy; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

# Remembering Don

*Entered into Life*  
April 13, 1938  
Fittstown, Oklahoma

*Entered into Rest*  
August 8, 2025  
Altus, Oklahoma

## Gathering of Remembrance

6:00 ~ 8:00 PM

Thursday, August 14, 2025  
Kincannon Funeral Home  
Altus, Oklahoma

