

Don Lynn Loula was born on June 25, 1939 in his grandparent's house in Lookeba, Oklahoma to parents Carleton "Carle" Loula and Helen Enslow Loula. Don was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

He died of sepsis stemming from an infection on November 5, 2024. He was preceded in death by his mother Helen, father Carle, wife Gail, brother Troy, daughters Judith and Elizabeth, and granddaughter Hannah. He is survived by elder brother Jerry, sister-in-law Marie, daughter Catherine, grandchildren Margaret and Matthew, and son-in-law Billie.

Don attended Carnegie High School graduating in 1957. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in science specializing in pharmacy. He started his career in a small pharmacy in Oklahoma City and then worked in the basement of what is now St. Anthony's until his retirement in 2014. He helped many young pharmacists start on their career paths with his sage advice. These young pharmacists eventually became his friends who kept contact with him even to this day. Don married Gail L. Loula on March 25, 1969 at the Naval Hospital in California. To this union Judith Ann, Elizabeth Ellen, and Catherine Anne were born. Don was ever so proud of his three beautiful daughters.

He was a caring and doting grandfather to Margaret Anne, Hannah Marie, and Matthew Isaac. He was always willing to help them with their school work and made sure that education was as important to them as it was to him while being a kind but forceful influence to them.

He was a caring brother to Jerry Wade and to Troy Fred who passed away in 2017. He didn't have any sisters of his own but treated his wife's sisters as if they were his blood relatives.

Don was known as a man of many talents. He was an avid baker and would share his love of cake decorating by teaching classes on the fine arts of embellishing cakes with gumpaste flowers. His wedding cakes were sought out in the local community for many years. He cooked every day and loved sharing his creations with family and friends.

He loved to knit and crochet in his spare time and made many Christmas ornaments for his family. In his younger years, he dabbled in oil painting and did beautiful lace tatting. Several of these paintings are proudly displayed in his home. He enjoyed listening to classical music at home and in his car.

Don was also a planner of road trips with his family going to many wonderful destinations throughout his life. He was first and foremost most happy when surrounded by his family especially when they were on these trips. He told his grandkids that they could always go to amusement parks but these road trips would take them to educational sites with Don serving as their guide and teacher. One of his favorite places to visit with his family was Boston. His granddaughter Maggie fondly remembers touring that city with him on several occasions.

Don was a very loving person who never met a stranger. He could talk to anyone and engage in a long conversation with them. He never let a friend want for anything always there to lend a hand when there was a need, no matter how small. He would unofficially adopt anyone who needed a father, Uncle Don, or a 'Pappy' as his grandchildren called him.

He was a regular church goer at St. Benedict's and known for his contribution of his beautifully decorated cakes.

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Don always sat at "his"

## In Loving Memory Of



## Don Lynn Loula



June 25, 1939



November 5, 2024

# *Don L. Loula*

## *Psalm 23*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he  
leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for  
thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my  
head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD for ever.*



## **Wake Service**

*Sunday, November 10, 2024  
Four O'clock in the Afternoon  
St. Benedict Catholic Church  
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

## **Officiant**

*Rev. Mr. David Schrupp*

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

*Monday, November 11, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning  
St. Benedict Catholic Church  
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

## **Celebrant**

*Rev. Benjamin Bandanadam*

## **Organist**

*Carolyn Taron*

## **Final Resting Place**

*Alfalfa Cemetery  
Carnegie, Oklahoma*