

OBITUARY

Don Rankin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, and friend, passed away peacefully at his home in Paola, Kansas, surrounded by his loving family on July 27, 2026. He was born on October 19, 1942, in Drexel, Missouri, and through the years became a cherished member of his community and a source of unwavering support to those who knew him.

Don married Nancy Jobe in August of 1965, at the First Baptist Church in Louisburg, beginning a partnership rooted in love, harmony, and steadfast commitment. Together, they made their home in Louisburg and later in Somerset, where Don lived from 1984 until his passing. Their marriage was a testament to devotion, weathering life's joys and sorrows side by side.

Throughout his life, Don worked with integrity and diligence at several establishments, including Indian Hills Golf Course, JD Dry Wall, Barnes Electric, and Town Oil, where he retired after 25 years of dedicated service. His steadfast work ethic and helpful spirit endeared him to colleagues and customers alike.

Don's passion for life was not limited to his professional pursuits. He deeply enjoyed watching NASCAR and KU Basketball, but his greatest joy came from being present when his children and grandchildren played sports. These moments of shared excitement and pride were among his most treasured, providing memories that will carry forward through generations. In quieter times, Don loved nothing more than simply spending time with his family, finding the greatest fulfillment in their company.

His early years were enriched by the camaraderie and energy he shared with his brothers and friends, especially as they worked on cars and hot rods out at the house. These were times of laughter, learning, and brotherhood, forming the foundation for lifelong friendships and fond recollections.

Don is survived by his loving wife Nancy, who remained his constant companion and confidant through the decades. He leaves behind a proud legacy through his children: Connie (Gary Goos) Rankin and Donnie (Tracy) Rankin, both of whom carry forward his values and cherished memories. Don was also a deeply devoted grandfather to Angie (Rob) Meyer, Jennifer (Ty) Howard, Julie Vanskike, Josh Grigsby, Tanner (Erica) Rankin, Cheyenne (Mason) Bell, Rusty (Harlee) Grigsby, and Dalton (Samantha) Rankin, as well as 16 great grandchildren. The bond he shared with each grandchild was evident in his enthusiastic support at their sporting events and his guiding presence in their lives. Don's sister-in-law, Betty Rankin, also survives him, sharing in the loving memories of his character and kindness.

Don was predeceased by his father, Clarence Rankin, and his mother, Opal Rankin, both of whom laid the foundation of a close-knit and caring family. He was preceded in death by his daughter Cheryl Grigsby—whose memory remained close to his heart—as well as by his brothers Cliff, Charlie, Danny and Norman Rankin, his sister Barbara Macoubrie, and his sister-in-law Janie Rankin.

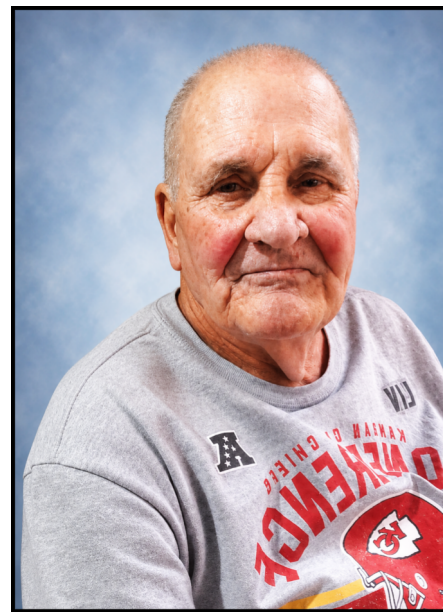
Don's legacy is one of dedication, kindness, and heartfelt generosity. He will be dearly missed and always remembered by those whose lives he touched.

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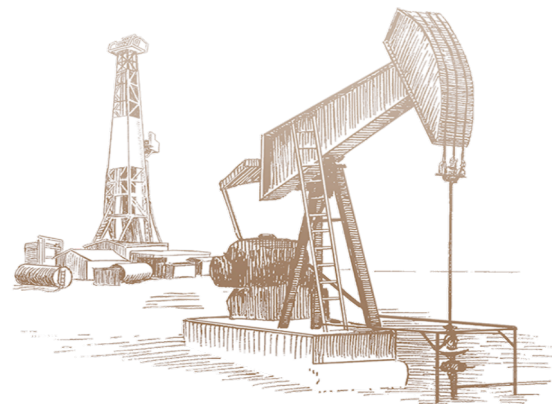


IN MEMORY OF



Donald Lee Rankin

October 19, 1942 ~ July 27, 2026



GOD CALLED YOU HOME

*God looked around His garden
and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth,
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

11:30 AM, Friday, July 31, 2026

Louisburg Cemetery
Louisburg, Kansas

OFFICIATING

Alex Roberts

MUSIC SELECTION

Misty Town - Vocalist
In the Garden

PALLBEARERS

Josh Grigsby ~ Tanner Rankin ~ Rusty Grigsby
Dalton Rankin ~ Ty Howard ~ Mason Bell

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jace Meyer ~ Merle Wyatt ~ Rob Meyer

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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