



Eddie Don Hill

October 13, 1954 - March 5, 2024

Funeral services for Eddie Don Hill, 69, of Gilmer, will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, March 11, 2024, in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Billy Stanley officiating. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at 10:00 am, before the service.

Eddie Don Hill passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2024. He was 69 years old.

Don was born on October 13, 1954, to Lillian Irene McClelland and Ace Hill in Gilmer, TX. He had two older brothers who doted on him as the baby of the family. He loved animals and was frequently seen with a trail of strays following him home after a long day of playing outside. He made lifelong friends in his childhood and loved telling and retelling the stories of his youth. His friends claimed Don was the toughest guy on the football field.

He graduated from Gilmer High School in 1973 and married Brenda Hanson on October 5 the same year. They started their family with the birth of their sons Daniel in March of 1974, Dalan in October of 1977, and daughter Brandy in March of 1983. Don provided for his family as a welder for several gas companies for nearly 40 years. An avid sports fan, he passed down his love of athletics to his children. He coached his children's baseball, softball, and soccer teams and supported all their athletic efforts as Gilmer Buckeyes. He

loved the Texas Rangers, but his die-hard love for the Dallas Cowboys could not be surpassed. Don spent football nights defending the Cowboys regardless of how they performed each season.

Don showed a softer side when his grandchildren arrived. He spoiled Teagan and Kiki (Jasper) with anything and everything. He would drive from one side of town to the other to order two different meals for each grandchild to make sure they had what they wanted. When he would return with their meals he would ask, "Who is the best Paw Paw in the world?"

Don showed love through generosity and food. He loved running trotlines and catching fresh fish to fry for his closest family and friends. He loved buying their favorite snacks, cooking, laughing, and making memories. He had a way of connecting with everyone in his presence. He picked on his friends and made them feel loved at the same time. He could get away with saying things no one else could say.

When he could no longer physically compete, his competitive nature played out on the marble board. He and his daughter Brandy played against Brenda and Jamie Jones for many years, many nights, many tournaments, and enjoyed the sometimes heated competition.

In his later years, he created a routine of buying friends their favorite things, sitting by the fire and sharing meals with his closest friends and family, watching the Cowboys, playing marbles, and enjoying his retirement.

Don is preceded in death by his parents Ace and Irene Hill; brothers Larry Hill and Neal Hill; and beloved nephew Bobby Hill.

He is survived by his wife Brenda Hill; children Daniel Hill, Dalan Hill, Brandy Hill, and her wife Jana; grandchildren, Teagan Hill and Kiki (Jasper) Hill.

Pallbearers will be Robert Jones, Cody Stevenson, Gene Johnson, Pete Johnston, Christopher Coleman, Jason Eddington, Toby Harle, and Jeff Efurd.

Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Flowers, Rusty Ferrell, Jerry Stevenson, and Billy Stanley.

Please visit Don's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S
Gilmer, TX 75645

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Eddie Don Hill Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 11, 2024 at 01:36 PM

CC

“ *Brenda, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. Clifford and I won't be able to attend the funeral service. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May our Heavenly Father wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you.*

Clifford and Glenda Culberson



Clifford Culberson - March 10, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DF

“ *Doug Olga and Dougie Ferrell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eddie Don Hill.*



Doug Olga and Dougie Ferrell - March 10, 2024 at 05:06 PM

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“ Doug Olga and Dougie Ferrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Don Hill.

Doug Olga and Dougie Ferrell - March 10, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SF

“ Sue Hanson, Tina Magner and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eddie Don Hill.



Sue Hanson, Tina Magner and family - March 09, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 09, 2024 at 12:25 PM

KB

“ Eddie don was a character but he was one of my daddy’s best friends (Russell Bolton) I called Eddie don my god father in the last year I got use to seeing him everyday at brookshires in that scooter telling me ima tell your uncle gene Johnson to come see you I’ve known him since I was a young girl ima miss him so much tell my daddy hi when you see him love ya rih to one of the greatest arkla gas mans around

Krystle bolton - March 08, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ Heartfelt prayers for Don’s family and friends. May the Lord give wrap His loving arms around each of you. He will give you the strength you need as you deal with your loved one’s loss. ❤️🙏❤️



Darlene Barber - March 08, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CM

“ Chris and Amber Moseley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eddie Don Hill.



Chris and Amber Moseley - March 08, 2024 at 09:51 AM

CJ

“ I got to know Don really well when he coached our son in Dixie League baseball. He worked well with all the kids. He was always positive and supportive. My prayers are with Brenda & all the Hill family especially Daniel who attends our church.

Charles Johnson - March 07, 2024 at 10:07 PM

MD

“ Don was a good good man. We were close for many years at that baseball field. Of course his mama Irene and my children's grandfather Jack were brother and sister so many nights after the baseball games we would be at Irene's house to visit. My heart hurts for Don's wife Brenda and children. God bless them all.

Margaret Ann Doonan - March 07, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Eddie Don Hill.



March 07, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JO

“ Janet Oney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Don Hill.

Janet Oney - March 07, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ Last night, I snuck into the pantry looking for a snack. Before I turned around, I just knew those jalapeno Fritos would be there, and they were. Three bags. I don't know how you always found the exact thing we wanted but you did. Love you and miss you already

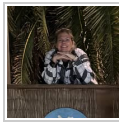


JR Sicola - March 07, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KW

Eddie Don was a short man with a big mouth and an even bigger heart. He was one of my Hanks best and oldest friends and became one of mine. I loved his mama and made her sweet potato pies. He could cook anything. And I mean anything! He is now with his mama, his brothers and Hank prolly picking on them until Mrs. Hill puts a stop to it. I love you my friend and I promise to help Jamie look out for your girl. Til we meet again at that big fire pit in the sky, you try to help our Cowboys out as best you can. I know you will.

Kerry Wilburn - March 07, 2024 at 05:11 PM



Please don't try those iffy jokes on God! He knows you have a jokes but don't rock the boat! Tell dad I miss him terribly and don't make fun of grandmas hair! You just got there so catch up on lost time with granddaddy Ace and Neal before you start pulling your shenanigans! Love you forever and always ❤️

Rhonda Eddington - March 07, 2024 at 05:57 PM

RS

My condolences to the Hill Family. May he rest in peace.

rosanne Bonno sicola - March 07, 2024 at 07:18 PM