



Donald R. Howe

August 12, 1929 - February 19, 2012

Don Howe walked hand in hand with the Lord throughout his life. On February 15, 2012 he went home to be with the Lord and his beloved wife, Irene, of 57 years. Don was born on August 12, 1929 the son of William and Ava Howe. He lived his whole life in Topeka. He was married to Irene Geiss on November 26, 1950. She preceded him in death on June 9, 2008. Don worked at Mosby Mack Ford and later Laird Noller Ford for 28 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing. He loved to raise and train pointer dogs. In the 1980s he and Irene opened Kozy Ceramics for ten years. He also worked as a painter and drywall installer. They owned and operated a fresh squeezed lemonade concession for ten years and made many friends along the way. Don and his family took many fun filled trips to the Rocky Mountains and Branson. Don was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene for over forty years. He served on the board of trustees for many years. He was a member of the Topeka Jazz Club and served on the board for over forty years. Don and Irene had many years of volunteering for TPAC. Survivors include his daughters, Debbie (Warren) Hall, Cindy (Ross) Chantrel; grandchildren, James Hall, Shawn Hall, Avalon Othic, Leigh Chantrel; great grandson, Kade Hall; and brother, Gerald Howe. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Irene; two brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be held Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614. Celebration of Don's life will be 1:00 p.m. Monday at First Church of the Nazarene, 10th & Buchanan. Burial will follow

at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Church of the Nazarene and Midland Hospice Care sent in care of funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Howe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Don will be greatly missed at Topeka Jazz Workshop. A wonderful friend and good to be around. The doorway to the Jazz concerts will be empty without him. Glad he entered my life.*

Connie Willett - February 18, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ *Feb 17, 2012*

*To the family of Don Howe,
I was so sorry to read of Don's passing. What a kind person and so was Irene.*

When he was driving the courtesy van for I believe, Mazda, he dropped me off or picked me up at TPAC, because that is where I worked. I started visiting with him about TAPC; how he could volunteer there, if he wanted to and it was not long before he and then Irene started volunteering there. They both were so good and dedicated there. They both were wonderful to be around.

I just wanted you to know I was thinking of you. Words say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are thinking of you, maybe helps. I hope so.

Sincerely,

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Jackie Campbell Petersen - February 17, 2012 at 04:57 PM

BA

“ Dear Debbie, Cindy and Grandchildren,

I extend deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Don and I became friends as we attended grief counseling sessions at Midland Hospice after the death of our spouses. We always carried on humorous banter both at the sessions and at our monthly dinners. I remember one occasion at a dinner that I offered the waitress an extra \$5 tip if she would present him a dummy ticket for over \$150 for all the meals. You should have heard him, he knew immediately who planned it. Don was always a good friend, always humorous and always easy going. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Bill Adkins

Bill Adkins - February 17, 2012 at 01:56 PM

MG

“ *The Topeka Jazz Workshop Inc. wishes to express their sincere condolences on the loss of Don, who was a loyal and dedicated member of our organization from the very beginning. I will also miss him very much personally and watching him greet people at the entrance to our concerts.*

A really lovable man! -Marcene Grimes, Executive Director, Topeka Jazz Workshop, Inc.

Marcene Grimes - February 17, 2012 at 09:47 AM

LV

“ So sorry to hear about Don. He was such a good friend. Very glad we got to see at his birthday party.

Leo and Shirley Vaughn

Leo Vaughn - February 16, 2012 at 06:45 PM

BW

“ Precious man! Always had a sense of humor. He enjoyed his trip to the Rose Parade so much a couple of years ago. Didn't take much to please him!

He will be missed so much!

Bev

Bev Woodford - February 16, 2012 at 04:46 PM

BA

“ I have many fond memories of Don and Irene volunteering at TPAC. They were always smiling and were a joy to be around. Don spent many hours assisting backstage during the Jazz Festival keeping everything on schedule. Thanks for all the memories Don!

Blair Adams - February 16, 2012 at 10:02 AM