



Donald Lee Melton

March 19, 1933 - January 19, 2022

Donald Lee Melton, 88 passed away peacefully on January 19th 2022 after a great life. Don was born March 19, 1933. He was the owner of several Melton Food Mart stores along with the Dead Horse Tavern.

He graduated from Valley High School and went on to attend WKU. After WKU he went into the U.S. Army where he was honorably discharged. He then went into the grocery business with his brother Joe and other family members.

Don was a great friend to many and a man who loved life. He was a lover of a good time, smoking Boston butts, growing tomatoes, a cold beer and living on the river. He loved his mules, conch, car racing and a couple of different women. If he was your friend you had one for life. He was a great outdoorsman. His hunting achievements include a 1000 pound Kodiak bear in Alaska, a moose, an elk, a doll sheep, a mountain lion, a bobcat, a wild turkey two state record alligator turtles along with other trophy animals.

Don was never afraid to make a bet. He loved the dice table and he would gladly make a wager on a ballgame.

He had no reverse gear in him. He always said "let the big end drag" which was his way of saying have a good time in life.

Proceeding him in death were his parents Joe Melton Sr. and Violet, along with brothers Joe Melton Jr. and Ralph Melton. Survivors include brothers Paul (Betsy) and Leon Melton and several nieces and nephews a few close cousins.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 11:00am, Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial at South Jefferson Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 3:00-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

South Jefferson Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KI

“ Don used to take me deer hunting in Stephensport when I was in high school! I have told and retold all his amazing stories. Kirk Williams, New Zealand

Kirk Williams III - May 06, 2025 at 07:48 PM

DJ

“ Sorry to learn the death of Donald. I first met him when I was a Louisville Police Officer, and no one supported us anymore than Donald did. May he rest in peace.

David Johnson - March 22, 2022 at 06:31 PM

ME

“ Don was a great person!! Sorry to hear of his passing. I remember the first time we met him almost 20 years ago in Stephensport. We were new to the area and building a cabin. He brought several watermelons from his garden for us to enjoy!! The friendship continued from that point on!! Chris and Michelle

michelle evans - January 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Melton.



January 22, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Melton.*



January 22, 2022 at 09:04 AM