



## Don Ed Shaffer

June 16, 1956 - August 17, 2024

Don Ed Shaffer, 68, of Ozark, Arkansas, died Saturday August 17, 2024 in Ozark. He was born June 16, 1956 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Gus Joe Shaffer and DeEsta Rose Pillstrom Shaffer. He was of a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ozark. Don was an owner and operator of Shaffer Funeral Home, Ozark Nursing Home and had worked as a Franklin County Coroner. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, a golfer, loved to fish, and was an avid turkey and deer hunter

Don Ed is preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Kathy Shaffer; and two nephews, Jason McElroy and Tim Morrow.

Don Ed is survived by his wife, Mary Lou McElroy of 48 years, two daughters, Ashley Shaffer Miles and husband James of Ozark and Ivy Shaffer and husband Kevin Kannett of Alma, Arkansas; three brothers, Newton Ray Shaffer and wife Brenda, David Ralph Shaffer and his wife, the late Kathy Shaffer, and Jack Winston Shaffer and wife Jennifer all of Ozark; cousin and brother at heart, Mark Young and wife Stacie of Savannah, Georgia; six grandchildren, Ethan Marcotte of Sherwood, Arkansas, Natalie Marcotte and Harris Marcotte of Ozark, Krosby Kannett and Wren Kannett of Alma, Arkansas and Nora Miles of Ozark.

Open Visitation will be held 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday, August 19, 2024 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral Service will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church, 503 West Commercial Street in Ozark, with Brother

Brad Elrod officiating, with burial at Highland Cemetery, Highway 64 West in Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richard Carpenter, Randall Bullington, Kendall Howell, WM "Buff" Leding, Jim Rofkahr, Mark Young, and Bobby Morris.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Kevin Lynch, Randy Hillard, Tommy White, Gary Briley, Marty Baker, Kevin Berry, and Otto Haberer.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 503 West Commercial Street Ozark, Arkansas 72949 and the National Wild Turkey Federation, 770 Augusta Road Edgefield, South Carolina 29824.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**AUG 20.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
503 West Commercial street  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall

CE

“*Mary Lou and family, the loss of Don Ed weighs heavy on my heart, I want you to know what a great guy I thought he was. Mary Lou, you and I talked about him once before. You two are so special to me as you are to so so many who love you and are feeling this loss. Don Ed will be greatly miss by all the lives he touched. I love you and look forward to seeing you, Mary Lou, soon. Candy Ervin.*

**Candace Ervin** - August 24, 2024 at 12:14 PM

SN

“*Ivy, Deanna and I are very saddened to hear of your father's passing. I know this time is not easy for you but Deanna and I are thinking of you during this time. We both love you!*

*Steve and Deanna Neifing*

**Steve and Deanna Neifing** - August 22, 2024 at 06:56 AM

MO

“*Sorry for your loss...  
The Brothertons  
Monte and Cheryl Brotherton  
Matt and Chandra Brotherton  
Staff at Brotherton Brothers Funeral Homes.*

**Monte** - August 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LM

“*Our sympathy and condolences to all the family ❤️ We thought a lot of Don Shaffer as he was vera kind to us when our mother passed away and we thought him to be a very good human being !!*

**Iela McLaughlin** - August 20, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the album funeral



q - August 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Don Ed was so good to us in our time of need.

Randall and Stacey Hice - August 20, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Sad to hear of this. Don Ed was always welcoming to our family over the years. All our best.

Mark Melton - August 20, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Oh what a wonderful fellow. So surprised and sorry to hear of his passing. Haven't seen him in years, but have fond memories of Don from back when. All my best to Mary Lou and family.

Geniece Yates - August 20, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Cheri Morrow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.

Cheri Morrow - August 20, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CM

“ Cheri Morrow purchased the Shimmering Silver Gift Tower for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.



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**Cheri Morrow** - August 20, 2024 at 09:40 AM

BH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Don Ed passing. I just saw it today and it was too late for me to attend the funeral. He was a good guy, always kind and caring in his demeanor. Mary Lou, my heart goes out to you , your children, to Newt, Ralph and Jack, and all your extended family and friends. I will say a prayer for all. Bo Hardgraves

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**Bo Hardgraves** - August 20, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DS

“ What great memories Don Ed always brings to my minds eye. Don had this beautiful smile ready for you every time we crossed paths. Never heard a negative word from him. I know how Happy he must be right now. Perfect in body and soul , running the Fall fields of our youth. So long old buddy. I will carry your smile till we meet again.

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**Daniel Stover** - August 19, 2024 at 07:45 PM

JF

“ Jeremiah Wilson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.

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**Jeremiah Wilson & Family** - August 19, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.*



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August 19, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Elizabeth, Myles abd Nola planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.*

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**Elizabeth, Myles abd Nola** - August 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.*



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August 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *I am truly sorry for your great loss. Don Ed was a good man. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Lou and all the family. Lucille Martin*

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**Lucille Martin** - August 19, 2024 at 04:03 PM

NK

“ To all the Shaffer family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Don Ed. Mary Lou and girls please take care. I have very fond memories spending time with you all. Sincerely Nan



Nancy Kinsworrthy - August 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM

JS

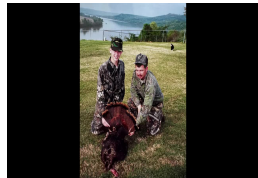
“ Wishing peace to the family. We loved our trips to Arkansas when we were kids and always loved hanging out with “the boys”. Fond memories with Uncle Gus and Aunt Dee. From the Shaffer’s in California. Jan, Jerry and Judy.



Judy Shaffer - August 19, 2024 at 03:04 PM



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q - August 19, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.



August 19, 2024 at 12:22 PM

KG

“ Keith and Traci Kannett and girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.

Keith and Traci Kannett and girls - August 19, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.



August 19, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.



August 19, 2024 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Sone and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.

Marilyn Sone and family - August 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.*



August 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Your White Lotus Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.*



**Your White Lotus Family** - August 19, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Bill, Cheryl, Dan and Sandra Shaffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Ed Shaffer.*

**Bill, Cheryl, Dan and Sandra Shaffer** - August 18, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Bill, Cheryl, Dan and Sandra Shaffer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Ed Shaffer.*



**Bill, Cheryl, Dan and Sandra Shaffer** - August 18, 2024 at 11:34 PM

BP

“ Becky Penland lit a candle in memory of Don Shaffer



Becky Penland - August 18, 2024 at 06:15 PM

DT

“ So sorry to all the family. He will be missed.

Dianna R Thompson - August 18, 2024 at 03:33 PM

SC

“ Mary Lou & family:  
Don was a great person and will be missed.

So sorry for your loss. You all will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Stacey Collins.



Stacey Collins - August 18, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MH

“ With a sad heart I am writing this to the Shaffer family. Mary Lou I will never forget all the good times we had when we all ran around in our earlier years. Best of years! Love you guys so much.. I am so sorry for your family's loss, Don Ed was a wonderful man. The whole Shaffer family has been so good to us and have been wonderful friends. You are in our prayers...❤️

Max & Kay Helmert - August 17, 2024 at 11:09 PM