



Sheriff Don M. Edwards

May 2, 1938 - April 24, 2020

Former Sheriff Don Edwards, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

Private graveside services will be Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Reverend Jeff Rasnick will officiate.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, visitation will be Monday from 12 noon until 4 PM. People can come by to pay there respects, sign the register book, view the slide show, and obtain a memorial record. No more than 10 people at a time will be allowed in the funeral home. The family will not be present.

He was born May 2, 1938, in Shelbyville, to the late Vasco Amerigo Edwards, Sr. and Betty Erlaine Bragg Edwards. A 1956 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, Mr. Edwards was Bedford County Sheriff from 1982-1994. Following his law enforcement career, he owned and operated Don's Pawn and Gun from 1995-2013. A former member of the Tennessee National Guard, he held membership in the Breakfast Rotary Club and First Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Selene Edwards, V.A. Edwards, Jr., Tom Lyn Edwards, Bobby Edwards, G.W. Edwards, Delaney Edwards, Clyde Avery Edwards, and Bryant Edwards.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Jean Hurt Edwards, of Shelbyville and they would have celebrated their 64 wedding anniversary June 1st.; children, Ralph Edwards, and his wife Sharon, of the Deason Community, Donna Nixon, Debbie Simons, and her husband Wayne, and Phillip Edwards, and his wife Dana, all of Shelbyville; a brother, Frank Edwards; grandchildren, Kristen (Joseph) Coriano, Jenna (Joshua) Henderson, Sara Elizabeth (Stephen) Clifford, Shannon (Robin) Sharma, Daniel Floyd, Michael (Jennifer) Simons, Nicholas (Heather) Simons, Christopher (Nicole) Simons, Matthew (Amber) Simons, Jason (Stephanie) Simons, Sydnee Edwards, Aiden Edwards, and Ryan Edwards; 31 great grandchildren.

Don would be honored with memorials to the Alzheimer's Association and/or Hospice Compassus.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ Pamela Redden lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards



pamela redden - April 28, 2020 at 09:49 AM

AR

“ Andy Redden lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards



Andy Redden - April 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM

RS

“ Donna and Ralph, So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. While I had moved away by the time he became Sheriff my Dad always spoke highly of him and how wonderful a Sheriff / man he was. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Richard A (Ricky) Fuller

Richard A Fuller SR - April 27, 2020 at 03:41 PM

FC

“ Fairlane Ch of Christ purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sheriff Don M. Edwards.



Fairlane Ch of Christ - April 27, 2020 at 10:02 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Burns lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards*



Brenda Burns - April 26, 2020 at 09:35 PM

RH

“ *Ruth Harris lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards*



Ruth Harris - April 26, 2020 at 08:25 PM

RH

Donna, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, You will always have a special place in my heart.

Ruth Harris - April 26, 2020 at 08:33 PM

BB

Prayers to all of you ,so sorry for your loss .Brenda Burns and Family ...

Brenda Burns - April 26, 2020 at 09:35 PM

BW

“ *I first met Don when he hired me at EPCO Credit Union in the 70's. He was a great boss even though we had some rounds for sure. Lol Rest in peace my friend.
Brenda Wright*

Brenda Wright - April 26, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss, Praying for the family’s, He was a great man, he will be missed.

Bill Cassady - April 26, 2020 at 10:07 AM

VA

“ Valerie Allen lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards



Valerie Allen - April 26, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SC

“ He was my bus driver when I was a freshman. Condolences to the family 🙏🙏



Sharon Cole - April 26, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LB

“ Don was a very good friend. Sorry to hear about his passing.

Lee Brown

Lee Brown - April 26, 2020 at 08:12 AM

RT


“ Don was a great sheriff and man he always tried to help all ! He came to my house a bunch of times when schools was teaching children at school to call 911 never a dull moment on Woodland drive so sorry for yalls loss

Rita Taylor - April 26, 2020 at 07:32 AM

DL

“ To a great friend from Butch lambert

Debbie lambert - April 25, 2020 at 11:08 PM


Deniese King

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr Edwards was such a kind and caring man. He will be truly missed. I send my prayers to the family for he blessed my life by always being such a kind friend.



Deniese King - April 25, 2020 at 10:56 PM

PR

“ Peggy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Don M. Edwards



Peggy Robinson - April 25, 2020 at 10:41 PM

AJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Norma Zae and Aksel Jensen

Aksel Jensen - April 25, 2020 at 09:37 PM

WH

“ So sorry for your loss . You're all-in our thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort !

Larry and Wanda Hames

Wanda Hames - April 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DD

“ I loved waiting on him and joking around with him at Hardees well Buddy you will be missed



Daphne Dunn - April 25, 2020 at 07:06 PM

VH

I've known him for a very long time my father and him were very good friends after we moved up here years ago for Florida then he became a Customer in Hardees every morning for breakfast I miss him a lot and will miss him praying for the family

vicky mcculloch - Hardees - April 26, 2020 at 01:09 PM

BH

Many good memories of Don and Billie Jean in the days gone by. I will be praying for the family!

Better Hasty - April 27, 2020 at 08:17 AM