



Don Edwards

March 20, 1939 - October 23, 2022

Don Edwards was born March 20 1939 and called by his Lord and Savior to Heaven on October 23, 2022. His wife Kathy and his dogs by his side. Nothing made Don happier than to be with his family. Don Edwards was a talented entertainer that received multiple awards over his 55 year career span in the music business. He received a Grammy nomination, was in a major motion picture, inducted in the Cowboy hall of fame as a recipient of the Chester Reynolds award and also many documentaries. He was also proud that he got his star in the Western Walk of Stars in Newhall, California. Don was dedicated to his music and the history and was known as a top musicologist in his field. Don played a major role in the rejuvenation of the Fort Worth Stockyards. He was the definition of a gentleman.

Don was a kind loving gentle soul to all who knew him. He would always take the time to help anybody that needed it. He was so generous with his talent and loved his fans. He built a home outside of Hico, Texas, Singin Hills Ranch that he shared with his wife.

He started his career at Six Flags over Texas as a singing cowboy. He stayed true to the traditional music and later signed to Warner Brothers.

Don was married to the love of his life and best friend for over 45 years. They

traveled together all over the world as a team and where you saw one you saw the other was not far behind.

Don is survived by his wife Kathy, daughters Courtney Gatewood, Llayne Padgett, Son in law Richard Gatewood, Grandchildren, Jake Gatewood, Shelby Gatewood, Lauren Padgett, Erin Padgett and Maddy Padgett and sister Nancy Hezlitt.

He will be missed by those who loved him, but his music has touched so many and the rich legacy that he has built will live on over generations. He was one of a kind, a loving soul.

The family would like to express gratitude and appreciation for the loving care of Elara Hospice and to our Guardian Angel Lydia Massingill.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Fairy Baptist Church, 19255 FM 1602, Hico, TX 76457

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fairy Baptist Church
Fairy, TX 76457

Service

OCT 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairy Baptist Church
Fairy, TX 76457

Visitation will be held from 11am till Noon Thursday at the Fairy Baptist Church prior to services.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ My husband and I in Utah a festival at Logan. What a fabulous time. Got to meet him and his wife. It was hotter than the hinges but what a show. I will always remember him and his wonderful music. Lee and Lona Doeling. Arnett ok

lona dowling - April 28, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TH

He left his first wife with nothing.

Terri Hidlay - June 08, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ Love Dons music been listening to him for years, all my kids grew up listening to him as well we didn't have much radio reception out at the ranch but I did have a cassette player and Don was all that I played. Seen and talked to him at several shows he will be missed.

Ken Hamlin - March 08, 2024 at 07:44 AM

HB

“ My wife and I met Don Edwards at the cowboy music festival in Monterey, Ca in the 90's. He was outside the Double Tree Inn on the sidewalk having a smoke on his pipe. We hit it off like old friends and visited for at least 30 minutes. His cds accompanied my farrier work all around Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Clara counties. Never forget him.

Hugh Bishop - October 25, 2023 at 12:07 AM

SP

“ Loved his music.. it sang to the heart.. will always treasure it.. condolences to his family.. what a great loss.. but you will see him again❤️

Suzie Paris - April 07, 2023 at 01:05 AM

BB

“ I never met Don but when I heard him sing,it was just wonderful. He was a true cowboy singer,he had that magic about his music like Buddy Holly had on me. My prayers to the family. God bless Don.

Buddy Blackburn - February 06, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ We always enjoyed Don and Kathy as they shared our family's Thanksgiving celebration each year. Don was a talented entertainer and his music was one of a kind. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our prayers are with his family.

Janet L Saltsgiver - November 01, 2022 at 10:48 PM

EJ

“ Vaya Con Dias Don, my friend, RIP. Ed (Sonny) Pohorelsky, Jr. The Longhorn Saloon, Fort Worth, TEXAS.

Ed (Sonny) Pohorelsky, Jr. - October 31, 2022 at 01:44 PM

LM

“ I don't recall the year but Don played in Eugene OR and my wife and I were blessed to get to attend. We had dinner and listened to Don sing and play. In his book of saddle songs he wrote "You may forget the singer but don't forget the song". I play a little and have memorized several of the songs from "A Cowboy Songbag" Chopo, The Habit, Little Joe the Wrangler and a couple more. He was a great inspiration and encouragement to me.
My condolences to you and your family. I'm deeply saddened by this news.
I will always remember Don. Larry Maplesden, John Day, OR.

Larry Maplesden - October 29, 2022 at 05:46 AM

JD

We first met Don and his wife Kathy when I got him to perform at the Texoma Farm and Ranch Expo, March 1994, in Wichita Falls. Saw them several times when he performed in and around Fort Worth. Love his music and have several CDs and cassettes we still play.

Jo-Alice Davis - February 13, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LK

“ What a wonderful singer! Saw him several times when I worked at the Eureka Opera House . He was a very kind loving man . He will surely be missed! Loved you Don from Christine Knudsen!

lindia knudsen - October 29, 2022 at 12:15 AM

SK

“ Suzy & Duke Key



S. Key - October 27, 2022 at 12:47 PM

SB

“ *Don Edwards has given me immeasurable pleasure through the years with his genuine rendition of Cowboy music. Always telling a story in song. Thank you Don Edwards, for your music that will live on forever. Steve Bartlett, Johnson City Texas*

Steve Bartlett - October 27, 2022 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ *Jan Boyd purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Don Edwards.*



Jan Boyd - October 26, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JB

“ *Jan Boyd lit a candle in memory of Don Edwards*



jan Boyd - October 26, 2022 at 09:47 PM

JB

“ Hi, Kathy! I'm so sorry for your loss, Don was a great fellow. I so enjoyed going to Camp Street Cafe and Store to see the two of you each late December. We would always get to the porch there an hour before Pipp would open the doors, wait in the cold, get to know others waiting also, all to get front row seats to listen to our fave cowboy singer. Guess I saw yall there 8 or 9 times. Enjoyed every show. Missed his very last show at Camp Street due to truck troubles, but was going to tell you that I finally got to meet Buck Brannaman at a clinic he did in Belton, TX. Never got to tell you or Don that. Anyway, love you both, so sorry for your loss. I hope your brother James and your mom are doing well. Take care, Kathy. Hugs, Jan Boyd. Vidor, tx

jan Boyd - October 26, 2022 at 09:46 PM



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



October 26, 2022 at 08:59 PM

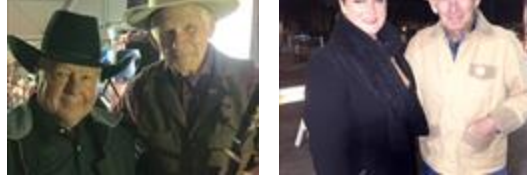
DG

“ We met Don at his White Elephant Saloon almost 40 years ago. He remained the warm, caring, creative and wonderful friend for all that time. Coincidentally, we retired to Prescott, Arizona. Don was a frequent, star performer for the Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering and we were with him at every performance.. We were surprised and pleased we were able to maintain our friendship after we left Texas. We have missed him for the past few years, but were comforted knowing he was being cared for by his angel, Kathy. May God welcome Don and may God look after Kathy.

Diane and Bob Greninger - October 26, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *What sweet man. We enjoyed meeting him and Kathy. Our prayers with his family*



Brian Tuttle - October 26, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Don Edwards.*



October 26, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Dear Kathy, I am so glad I got to meet Don. He loved you so very much and I will always remember years ago on Northside. God Bless you and your precious family and know I am praying that our Lord will heal your broken heart, love always, Teresa Young-Phillips*



Teresa Young-Phillips - October 26, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *Donna Roberts purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Don Edwards.*



Donna Roberts - October 26, 2022 at 02:05 PM

BW

“ I was lucky to see Don in concert twice when he visited Ohio. I talked with him and with Kathy. I was impressed by their kindness and interest in his fans. I feel a huge hole in my heart to know my favorite cowboy singer has passed. I am sure Don will be singing with the Heavenly choir now! My condolences and prayers for Kathy and the family.

Brenda Wingrove - October 26, 2022 at 11:57 AM

WE

“ Deepest sympathy to Kathy, family & friends; may the Lord comfort you & keep you in His arms; had the blessing of seeing and meeting Don & Kathy, true partners in life and love; Prayers!

Wesley Egli - October 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Edwards.



October 26, 2022 at 09:40 AM

PW

“ Met Don once at Red Steagall's cowboy gathering. Always loved his song Coyotes. We'll be listening when the moon crosses the mountain tonight...

Paul Williams - October 26, 2022 at 07:20 AM

JL

“ March 19-24, 2005, Don joined Ramblin Jack Elliott, Tom Russell, Andrew Hardin, Ray Doyle, Scot Wilburn and Wylie Gustofson, all professional musicians for a music festival on rails. We boarded The Canadian as it ran from Vancouver, BC to Toronto. Don performed each day telling stories and showing our group of 50 people what a marvelous singer-musician and storyteller he was. We will miss this icon who will be remembered with Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Marty Robbins... The best cowboy singers ever.



Joe Ray Skrha, Attorney at Law - October 26, 2022 at 04:33 AM

TN

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences. Don't music will always be part of our lives and through his music he will remain in our hearts and minds.

Tim and Marilyn Norris - October 26, 2022 at 01:29 AM

TB

“ The Mazzuca's. Len, Mary, Ralph, Barbara purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Don Edwards.



The Mazzuca's. Len, Mary, Ralph, Barbara - October 26, 2022 at 12:58 AM

MG

“ Condolences



Marla Guinn - October 25, 2022 at 11:45 PM

BL

“ *What a sweet man. Will listen to his music until we meet again.
Vaya con Dios*



Brian and Lis - October 25, 2022 at 10:58 PM

JT

“ *I took my Minnesota boss to a performance of Mr Edwards in the
stockyards. He left with every tape he could buy and wearing a
Stetson hat. Jim Taylor. Hamilton Tx*

jim taylor - October 25, 2022 at 09:15 PM

BW

“ *Loved his music - - learned a few of them myself to share around
the campfire.. <3*

Bob Wilson - October 25, 2022 at 08:31 PM

SA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a wonderful man, and great artist. Prayers for Kathy and the family at this hard time. Sue Alexander (Colorado WestFest regular 1089-2005)

Susan Alexander - October 25, 2022 at 06:29 PM

JR

“ Worked with Don for 28 or 30 years. Tremendously fine guy. Western music lost a great star and heaven gained one. Su Semper Amigo...

J.R. Raybourn - October 25, 2022 at 06:04 PM

SP

“ Steve and Peggy Penberthy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Edwards.



Steve and Peggy Penberthy - October 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM

MR

“ I saw him and got to tell him that we had plays his songs at my daddy's funeral. Don's eyes teared and he said Thank you

Mary ruthbaird - October 25, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Edwards.



October 25, 2022 at 03:03 PM

JJ

“ Kathy we are so sorry to hear you lost your beloved Don! He was a precious man and I am glad that I have many of his CD'S so I can listen to his beautiful music. We have beautiful memories of You and Don when we lived on the Ranch and we have precious memories and pictures of You, Don and Mary! Our prayers are with you and much love always, Jack & Jean

Jack & Jean - October 25, 2022 at 02:12 PM

KJ

“ There will never be another like Don Edwards. I got to introduce a grandson to him, he will always know he met the greatest cowboy balladeer ever.



keith jones - October 25, 2022 at 02:11 PM

RR

“ I met the Edwards in Oklahoma City with my mom and they were so warm and gracious. My favorite photo on my wall is with Don when we were on a KFDI show in Wichita. He sets the standard for western singers and will always be the measurement. Tonight Jim, Bill, Curly, Lon, Baxter, and Don will be singing around the campfire and the angel choir will take the night off.

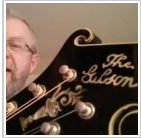
ROGER RINGER - October 25, 2022 at 01:56 PM



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



October 25, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Thank you Don for the musical joy you have given the world. You have made a huge difference. God Bless your family and friends.*

Joe Previtera - October 25, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Don Edwards.



October 25, 2022 at 12:18 AM