



Coach Don Poe

August 17, 1942 - February 22, 2024

Funeral services for Coach Don Poe, age 81 of Hideaway, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the First Baptist Church of Lindale with Dr. Tom Buck officiating. Interment will follow at Concord Cemetery in Quitman.

Don passed away Thursday, February 22, 2024, in Tyler. He was born August 17, 1942, in Quitman to the late Nolie Martin and Francis Floydean (Moore) Poe. Don has lived in Hideaway for the last 23 years and was previously of Irving, Sulphur Springs, McKinney, and Lewisville. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lindale where he served as a Deacon. Don retired after many years as an Athletic Director and Football Coach. He was a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas High School Athletic Director's Association. He was inducted into the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association Hall of Honor and the Irving ISD Hall of Fame. He impacted many lives throughout his career and even during retirement. He loved playing golf and spending time with his beloved family. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Poe; brother, Billy Poe; and sister, Debbie Poe.

He is survived by his son, Toby Poe and wife, Mandy of Hideaway; daughter, Teena Story and husband, Kyle of Prosper; brother, Ron Poe and wife, Betty of Hideaway; grandchildren, Shay Stephens and husband, Justin; Tyler Story and wife, Lauren; Luke Poe, and Casey Poe; great grandson, Steele Stephens; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members

and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Poe, Jon Poe, Matt Poe, Bill Poe, Tyler Story, Luke Poe, Casey Poe and Tim Clemmons.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2024, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Cemetery Details

Concord Cemetery

213 CR 2590
Mineola, TX 75773

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Church Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lindale First Baptist Church
105 Hubbard Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Coach Don Poe*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 24, 2024 at 06:01 PM

BM

*A great guy from a great family. Your passing was quite a surprise to me. But you are in a much better place now. My pleasure being your cousin.
Benton*

Ben Moore - February 25, 2024 at 08:40 PM

AD

What a fitting tribute to a wonderful man who was a blessing to so many

Allison Dickinson - February 26, 2024 at 05:59 PM

DP

Such a great tribute to a great coach. I'll always remember Friday nights at South Garland High. The Bell Family

Donna Bell Paris - March 04, 2024 at 08:58 AM

TH

“ Rest in peace Coach Poe. Bonham and McKinney were always fierce rivals no matter what the field of battle was. But I feel like I speak for a lot of folks when I say we had the utmost respect for the McKinney Lions football team because of the Poe brothers. Coaches Ron and Don Poe and the remainder of the staff would most assuredly have those Lions ready to play! May God bless you and your family.

Tony C. Howard, Bonham Purple Warrior, Class of 1978.

Tony C Howard - August 29, 2024 at 04:31 PM

SS

“ We will always remember your family, so kind and thoughtful. Love,
Shirley Stewart

shirley stewart - February 28, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DW

“ Coach Don was my history teacher and my football coach. But mostly a much needed motivator and mentor to me. He was a man of integrity and I have only the best of memories when I think of him. Coach Don will always be someone I will look up to. Thank you Coach Don Poe for making a difference in me.

Donnie Williams - February 27, 2024 at 07:10 PM

FH

“ From Nicki Helton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

From Nicki Helton - February 27, 2024 at 07:46 AM

FH

“ From Nicki Helton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Coach Don Poe.



From Nicki Helton - February 27, 2024 at 07:46 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Don Poe.



February 26, 2024 at 08:26 PM

BE

“ Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Beth - February 26, 2024 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ Danny Bonner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Danny Bonner - February 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

DB

“ Danny Bonner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Danny Bonner - February 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

LF

“ Love your Fort Worth Christian Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Love your Fort Worth Christian Family - February 26, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LF

“ Love your Fort Worth Christian Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Love your Fort Worth Christian Family - February 26, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Coach Don Poe.



February 26, 2024 at 01:11 PM

LD

“ Love, Allison and Lance Dickinson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Love, Allison and Lance Dickinson - February 26, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LD

“ Love, Allison and Lance Dickinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Love, Allison and Lance Dickinson - February 26, 2024 at 01:01 PM



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



February 26, 2024 at 01:00 PM

TL

“ Texas Bank and Trust, Lindale/Hideaway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Texas Bank and Trust, Lindale/Hideaway - February 26, 2024 at 01:00 PM

VW

“ Viann Williams purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Viann Williams - February 26, 2024 at 11:35 AM

GF

“ Glenn, Teri, Drew, Whitney and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Glenn, Teri, Drew, Whitney and Family - February 26, 2024 at 11:01 AM



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



February 26, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DB

“ David and Raynee Beaty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

David and Raynee Beaty - February 26, 2024 at 10:29 AM

DB

“ David and Raynee Beaty purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Coach Don Poe.



David and Raynee Beaty - February 26, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 26, 2024 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ Stan and Sherri Stephens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Stan and Sherri Stephens - February 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM

SS

“ Stan and Sherri Stephens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Stan and Sherri Stephens - February 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM



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



February 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

RR

“ Rick & Leslie Robertson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Rick & Leslie Robertson - February 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM

CF

“ Cosch Foy’s Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Cosch Foy’s Family - February 26, 2024 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ Cosch Foy’s Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Cosch Foy’s Family - February 26, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LL

“ Love, Scott and Cindy Luce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Don Poe.

Love, Scott and Cindy Luce - February 26, 2024 at 09:42 AM

LL

“ Love, Scott and Cindy Luce purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Love, Scott and Cindy Luce - February 26, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MA

“ Mike and Holly Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Mike and Holly Anderson - February 25, 2024 at 11:28 PM



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



February 25, 2024 at 08:48 PM

AJ

“ Angela and Fred Jackson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Angela and Fred Jackson - February 25, 2024 at 08:41 PM

CL

“ Coach Bob/Sue Ledbetter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Don Poe.



Coach Bob/Sue Ledbetter - February 25, 2024 at 04:54 PM

BJ

“ *Loved coaching with Coach Don in McKinney. Great coach and person. We had some great times and he will be sorely missed by me and every life he touched! Prayers, Blessings, and Peace to his family!!*

Bill Justice - February 25, 2024 at 03:49 PM

GO

“When Coach Don Poe arrived in Sulphur Springs he seemed to be a larger than life presence. He was a big physically fit man with an overpowering handshake, a big infectious personality, an index finger he would stick 2” into your chest, and an engulfing bear hug. He demanded respect and instilled discipline. To a junior high kid it was intimidating at best. He was an old school perfectionist with a huge compassionate heart. He told us on a daily basis that he loved us & we believed him. Coach would take us to the brink of physical death Monday thru Friday, then teach us the Bible on Sunday. As testosterone filled teenage boys, we ate it up. This guy had captured our souls and we were ready to storm the beaches & burn the boats.

“Gold Rush - Will Crush!”

Coach was a program builder. He came in with a vision, a plan, a passion for working hard, and loving on kids. What a perfect recipe for a program hungry for success. He lived and prioritized the weight room and it was the perfect laboratory for instilling his beliefs in us.

Once I returned home to Sulphur Springs to run my own program did I realize what a profound impact Coach had on my life as a man and in my daily coaching philosophy. This is also when I realized what an impact he had on the Sulphur Springs Wildcats by raising expectations and giving strong leadership to both men’s & women’s athletics. His positive passion made it a fun athletic experience for this farm boy. Coach gave me a vision and helped me see what could be. He has always been a mentor to me, but as time passed he became an encouraging friend, whom I will miss greatly. Coach set a great example in the community - God, Family, Team. He and Pat raised their kids with us and we all became a family. After we closed our workouts in prayer, we would hear a booming voice say:

“Remember who you are, where you’re from, & who you represent!”
- Don Poe

One never really knows the impact they will have on this Earth. But I

can assure you there are thousands of men and women that Don & Pat Poe pointed to Jesus and had a life long influence over.

Well done Coach!

Greg Owens

Greg Owens - February 24, 2024 at 09:37 PM

TF

“ *The McAsey Families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Coach Don Poe.*



The McAsey Families - February 24, 2024 at 09:34 PM

SW

“ *Toby and Teena, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Coach Poe and Pat were so special to me during high school. They were such great role models for our generation.*



Susan Watts - February 24, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 24, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ Don was a sweet Christian man, an example for others to follow.



Glen and Carolyn Saxon - February 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Sure hated reading this... Mom (Mary Ballard) cried saying, “another of our basketball boys...”. Our thoughts and prayers with the entire family! 🙏❤️😭
All our Bulldog Best,
Mary Ballard and the Delbert Ballard Family

Chrystal Ballard - February 24, 2024 at 02:42 PM

MR

“ *Mark ,Binky, Randall and Kate Ragon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Coach Don Poe.*



Mark ,Binky, Randall and Kate Ragon - February 24, 2024 at 02:41 PM

KD

“ *Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Don Poe*



Karen Damon - February 23, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JF

“ *Jim & Liz Hinna & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach Don Poe.*



Jim & Liz Hinna & family - February 23, 2024 at 06:53 PM