



Don Russell Freiling

September 21, 1938 - August 27, 2024

Don Russell Freiling, 85, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2024. Born on September 21, 1938, in San Antonio to Russell and Virginia Mae (Harris) Freiling. He also preceded in death by his younger brother Wayne Freiling. Don lived a life of service to others, dedication to family, and devotion to God.

Don grew up in San Antonio, where he graduated from Edison High School in 1956. His passion for football earned him a scholarship to Abilene Christian College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1960 and master's degree in 1961. It was there he met and married his college sweetheart, Jeanette (Hughes) Freiling, and together they shared 63 beautiful years of marriage.

Don's life was marked by a deep commitment to improving the lives of others and sharing his faith. As a teacher, coach, and administrator at Jefferson High School, among other schools, he mentored countless students, instilling in them the values of hard work and perseverance. Later, he found success in the insurance, investment and real estate industries, where his integrity and dedication continued to shine. Don was able to excel in multiple careers. He also preached on the weekends, as well as serving as an elder at West Avenue and University Oaks churches of Christ for 40 years. He also coached

all three of his sons' football teams at the same time.

Don's legacy is one of profound love for his family. Affectionately called "Pops" by the family, he was a devoted husband to Jeanette, a proud father to Russ (Tammy), Rynn, Amy Roberts (Todd), and Reagan (Bel). His role as a grandfather to Carter, Grant (Alli), Jax, Garrett, Gracyn, Griffin, Will, and Duke, and great-grandfather to May, brought him immense joy. Don's influence extended far beyond his immediate family, touching the lives of many with his encouragement, wisdom, and generosity.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Mission Park (Cherry Ridge location) in San Antonio. Friends and family are also invited to gather for a visitation on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

The family warmly invites all who knew and loved Don to join us in honoring and remembering a truly remarkable man.

Rest in peace, Pops. Your legacy of love, service to others, and unwavering faith will continue to guide us.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #3

1735 Cupples
San Antonio, TX 78226

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
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Interment

SEP 6. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Debbie Vinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Russell Freiling*



Debbie Vinson - October 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DV

I knew him as Mr. Freiling; and we did business together. He would always start the conversation with a joke...he would say "I have a joke; it's clean, but it's funny". And it was! He would end the conversation with, "Thank you Delightful Debbie". A true gentlemen that will be missed dearly.

Debbie Vinson - October 28, 2024 at 04:39 PM

HM

“ *God bless him. I knew him as my Thomas Jefferson High School sophomore World History teacher in the summer of 1965. The lessons he taught us in the classroom about the geography, the culture, and the history of the people's of the World have stayed with me. These lessons learned were invaluable as I practiced medicine on a variety of ethnic cultures in private practice and whenever I was deployed to different parts of the Globe with the US Army. I have nothing but a great deal of respect, admiration, and very fond memories of Don Freiling. Homero R. Garza, MD, MPH*

Homero R. Garza, MD, MPH - September 06, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



September 06, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



September 06, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ Our long lives together have crossed in so many ways, church, families, work, and doing business together. Don is one of the finest Christians I have ever known. His love for the Lord influenced everything he did. He walked the walk and influenced me and others to try to do the same. I love you Don and will miss our long telephone conversations. Ron Mullen

Ron Mullen - September 06, 2024 at 03:19 PM



Hi Ron, I remember you from ACC -- I'm John Felts

John C. Felts - July 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



September 05, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Larriet Thomas & Karen Fallon purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



Larriet Thomas & Karen Fallon - September 05, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *The Graichen and Arnold Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



The Graichen and Arnold Families - September 05, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



September 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Ron M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Ron M. - September 05, 2024 at 11:07 AM

YF

“ Your Kairoi Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Your Kairoi Family - September 05, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Pure Heart was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



September 04, 2024 at 07:13 PM

MM

“ Mary M. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Mary M. - September 04, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MA

“ Matthew and Caren Akins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Matthew and Caren Akins - September 04, 2024 at 12:52 PM

EJ

“ Evelyn, Bekah, Rachel, and Jonathan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Evelyn, Bekah, Rachel, and Jonathan - September 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

BK

“ Bob, Carol, Chris, Tom and Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



Bob, Carol, Chris, Tom and Kids - September 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LS

“ L.DeLaCruz & Norma Suarez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Russell Freiling.



L.DeLaCruz & Norma Suarez - September 02, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



September 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *With Love, Jason Smith & Maria De La Cruz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Russell Freiling.*



With Love, Jason Smith & Maria De La Cruz - August 30, 2024
at 03:50 PM



“ *Goodbye, Brother Don, see you in heaven.
Cesar Morales (from Chile)*

CESAR MORALES CANALES - August 29, 2024 at 09:55 PM