



Freeman "Donald" Oates

October 25, 1935 - October 15, 2022

Freeman "Donald" Oates, age 86, of San Antonio, passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday, October 15, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his beloved family. Donald was born on October 25, 1935, in San Antonio, to the late Freeman Horace and Bessie Lee Fleming Oates. Donald married the love of his life and his best friend, Phyllis Lee Oates, on November 16, 1957, in San Antonio. After more than 64 years of marriage and a lifetime of memories, she preceded him in death on March 28, 2022.

Donald was a hard-working man who loved his family. He worked as a sheet metal installer for over 30 years for Tezel and Cotter in San Antonio. At home, Donald was a dedicated family man who adored his children and was the best PaPa to his ever-growing number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In his younger years he could be found cross country motorcycle racing. Much of Donald's free time and weekends were spent at the San Antonio Speedway where he was a top crew member for his son's race team; his skills as a sheet metal worker made him a vital part of the race team and putting the cars back together. Many of Donald's best memories were spent at the track, at LBJ Lake with his family, or listening to his favorite music by Shania Twain.

Those who knew Donald best will remember a man who was dedicated to his beloved family and kind to all who had the privilege to call him a friend.

Donald is survived by two daughters, Donna Kotara and Stacy Bonn, and husband Barry; one son, Jason Oates, and wife Tracy; eight grandchildren, Tiffany, Leslie, Erica, Jessica, Justin, Jacob, Cody, and Crystal; 16 great-grandchildren; and by a host of other family and friends.

Donald was also preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law, Inez and Robert Speer, and one son-in-law, Ronnie Kotara.

Funeral services for Freeman "Donald" Oates will be held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. 1700 S.E. Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78214. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M., Monday evening, at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Freeman "Donald" Oates*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 24, 2022 at 01:25 PM

CE

Beautifully done of a life well lived.

Carol Erwin - October 25, 2022 at 02:18 AM

VZ

You are going to be missed. Rest in peace.

Vicki Zigmond - October 25, 2022 at 08:02 PM

JT

“ *Just got back from the funeral...What a legacy Don left! I always knew he was a good man and he and Phyllis raised a wonderful family.*

I worked with Don during my High School Summers and beyond. When I moved into the office, I still worked for Don. He had his customers and they would always make sure that he was on their job. He got Tezel and Cotter started with work at Santa Rosa which we still do to this day.

God bless you, Don Oates...Yet Another job well done!

John Tezel - October 25, 2022 at 05:09 PM

CE

“ My deepest sympathy to you all who loved him and took such good care of him. Happy Birthday and Rest In Peace, Donald. Sorry we couldn't be with you today.

Carol Erwin - October 25, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Freeman "Donald" Oates.



October 24, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Freeman "Donald" Oates.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Freeman "Donald" Oates.



October 24, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Freeman "Donald" Oates.*



October 24, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I worked with Don in my early years as a Sheetmetal Worker, at Tezel and Cotter, Great guy!
Rest In Peace, Don*

John Castañeda

John Castañeda - October 24, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *We loved seeing him and his wife come into Bubba's Great people*

Marilyn Wingo - October 21, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Chris Speer and Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Freeman "Donald" Oates.*



Chris Speer and Family - October 21, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *The best childhood memories anyone could ask for. Thank-You
Donald you enriched anyone's life that knew you! Chris*

chris - October 21, 2022 at 01:01 PM

ES

Yes for sure!

erica schroeder - October 24, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *The Greatest Man I'll Ever Know!!*

Tiffany Kruse - October 21, 2022 at 10:16 AM