



Mr. Donald Ray Franklin

January 12, 1958 - August 23, 2023

On January 12, 1958, God blessed the lives of Dorothy Franklin and Raymond Franklin, Sr. with a son, Donald Ray Franklin, Sr. He was the third of six children born to this family.

Donald accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Greater Bell Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Zephaniah Phillips. Donald was educated in the La Marque Independent School District and was a proud graduate of the La Marque High School, class of 1976. After high school, he attended Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, TX. He continued his family legacy and was well-known for his athletic abilities. He was often referred to as a high school and college “hoop star”.

Donald was employed at the La Marque Independent School District for several years. He enjoyed reading the newspaper “from front to back”, watching his daily investigative television shows, and spending quality time with family. Donald was kind, humble, respectful, and could hold a conversation with anyone. He was a true old-school Southern gentleman, which made him perfect for caring for his mother until her final day on earth.

In the early 90’s, he met his wife, Lillie Ross (Cheese), and had two handsome sons, Donald Ray Franklin, Jr., and Deon Keith Franklin. He deeply loved and cared for the 3 of them.

Donald, a cherished husband, loving father, dear brother, and trusted friend, departed from this life on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Raymond Franklin, Jr.

Though we bid farewell, Donald's spirit will forever live in the hearts of his wife, Lillie (Cheese); sons, Donald Jr., and Deon; brothers, Michael Franklin (Sue), Clarence Franklin (Marilyn), Alvin Franklin, and Jerry Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

As we mourn the loss of our loved one, we will celebrate his life and honor the legacy that he leaves behind.

Cemetery Details

Rising Star Cemetery

La Marque , TX 77568

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
302 N. Oak Street
Texas City, TX 77591

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Ray Franklin*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM