



Donald J Gochenour

September 9, 1925 - February 3, 2011

Donald J Gochenour, 85 of Houston passed away peacefully February 3, 2011. Mr. Gochenour was born September 9, 1925 in Frankfort, IN to Ray and Pearl Gochenour. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Sue Gochenour; children, Jeff Gochenour of Seattle and Dr. Mark Gochenour & wife Ruth of Houston as well as grandchildren, Bryan, Chase and Jordan. After his military service during WWII, Don graduated from Butler University with a degree in accounting. He met his wife, Sue at the airport in Frankfort, Indiana where she was receiving private pilot instruction. Don was employed by Shell Oil Co. where he remained until his retirement 37 years later. A sports enthusiast, Don spent many hours coaching his son's baseball teams, and serving as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in Hillsdale, New Jersey. After moving to Houston, he continued coaching in the Spring Branch Little League. While he was always proud as he followed his son's, and grandson's in athletics and life, he also received joy when he would later meet other young men he had coached and positively influenced their lives. To his friends, Don was always generous. His rapid wit and sense of humor were a trademark quality.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held Monday, February 14, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will immediately follow in the Drawing Room. Interment services will be held Tuesday February 15, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the VA Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial

Drive, Houston, TX 77038.

Cemetery Details

VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald J Gochenour*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Donald J Gochenour*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Donald J Gochenour*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Donald J Gochenour*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Don was a dedicated grandfather and great guy; we loved his wit and candor. He kept our baseball boys grounded in the good seasons and laughing during the seasons that didn't go so well. He sure kept the umpires honest. He will be missed by all. Mark, you'll have to set your chair right behind home plate to carry on the legacy.*

Much love to Sue, Mark, Ruth, and Jordan. The Metoyers

Christine Metoyer - February 14, 2011 at 09:28 AM

JT

“ Mr. G was many things to me - a coach, a mentor, a father figure, a friend. I met Mr. G as a young baseball player. At the time, I didn't fully understand how special it was to have him as my coach. Others did, of course, including the many teams we beat due to his ability to get average players to play above average. As time went on, my family was fortunate to build a lasting relationship with Mr. and Mrs. G— and their kindness has always been present.

Mr. G's generosity is well established, and perhaps only overshadowed by his sharp sense of humor. Both characteristics could be counted on to brighten your day. Even as a teenager I liked being around Mr. G, and his direct approach helped guide me thru a number of important decisions. In fact, my respect for Mr. G is what led me to start my career at Shell Oil; I figured if it was good enough for him, it was good enough for me.

Of course behind every “greatest generation” man is a “greatest generation” woman ... and “Saint Sue” is that woman. My family and I will always be grateful.

John Thomas - February 13, 2011 at 10:38 PM

CS

“ Don was a great guy who will be missed so much by his family and close friends. His quick wit and generous spirit will never be forgotten by any of us -- and he is living proof that one lives on in the memories of family and friends. There are so many stories about Don that it's hard to pick which of those are the most memorable! I will remember Don always.

I am so thankful for Sue in my life -- she is such a steadfast friend -- and I know that her family and friends will be a comfort to her in the days to come.

Carole Scott - February 13, 2011 at 03:06 PM

JH

“ This earth has lost a fine man... We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing but we know that he is in a better place now. I have so many memories of Don- we had so many fun times at Beck's Prime, Don's quick wit and generosity will not be forgotten. With love to Sue and the Gochenour family- We hope that you find comfort in your many happy memories. ~Julie and Monte

Julie Monte Scott Holmes - February 13, 2011 at 12:42 PM

AC

“ Donald was a kind and loving man. He will be missed by many. I was his tax consultant for many years. i will surely miss him. I will be more than happy to help you, Sue....Alma Chambers

Alma Chambers - February 13, 2011 at 11:19 AM

JD

“ Sue and family,

I'm sitting here trying to pick just one special time to share about Don and there are just too many. Weekends at the beach, Christmas at the Davies with huge hello kisses that made you feel loved. What a wonderful man he is!!! Lots and lots of love to you Sue!



Snuggle in God's arms. When you are hurting, when you feel lonely, left out. let Him cradle you, comfort you, reassure you of His all-sufficient power and love. -Kay Arthur

Again, Lots of love and friendship to you and your family!

I LOVE YOU!
Jenni Davies

Jenni Davies - February 09, 2011 at 01:53 PM