



Donald Ray Bigelow

April 22, 1954 - January 24, 2026

Donald Ray Bigelow, affectionately known as Don or Donnie, passed away on January 24, 2026, at the age of 71.

Don was born on April 22, 1954, in Rockingham, North Carolina, and later made his home in Bakersfield, California.

Don was dedicated to his career in the oilfields, beginning in 1978, and remained proud of his work throughout his life. He was known for his strong work ethic and rarely missed a day on the job. Over the years, he formed close bonds with many of his coworkers, whom he considered family.

A friend to many, Don was always smiling and genuinely happy. He had a natural gift for telling jokes and loved keeping his friends and family laughing. He leaves behind countless memories filled with humor and joy.

Don had a love for his cars and was rarely seen without his signature sunglasses, a small but fitting reflection of his style and personality.

Don is survived by his mother, Doris Stevens; his brothers, Vance Bigelow, Rob Freeman and Brinton Bigelow; his sisters, Debbie Dudley and Barbara Welborn; as well as several nieces and nephews, all of whom will cherish his memory deeply.

Don will be remembered for his laughter, his kindness, his hard work, and the many friendships he built throughout his life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a great person and I'm sick to see this. I ran around with Don in the late 60s and we done a lot of crazy things. We lost track of each other because of life but I often thought of him and wanted to try and find him. Now it's too late! R.I.P. Don. Mark Little.

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