



MSGT (Ret) Don LaVelle Fincher

September 18, 1929 - September 15, 2018

Don LaVelle Fincher, son of the late Alverta and Nellie Maude (Gammage) Fincher, was born on September 18, 1929 in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas. He passed away September 15, 2018 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville having attained the age of 88 years.

Don grew up in Elkhart, Texas and graduated from high school there.

Don enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1953 and retired after twenty-one years of faithful service. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations.

Don was united in marriage to Dora Bell Matthews in 1957 in Richland, Texas. They shared over 50 years of marriage together and were blessed with one daughter, Donna. Dora preceded Don in death in 2007.

After retiring from the military, Don came to Missouri and started working as a guard for the Federal Prison in Springfield, Missouri. He served there for four years and during that time he lived in Willard, Missouri where he attended Rosehill Church.

Don enjoyed gardening and raised hydroponic tomatoes for four years. After moving to the Waynesville area in 1978, Don began making furniture. He was

very talented and made cedar chest, china cabinets and several other items.

After moving to Waynesville, Don and his family began attending Westside Baptist Church and became members.

In his early years, Don enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his later years, his favorite thing to do was hugging his wife and holding her hand. He loved his family tremendously and would do anything for them.

Don is survived by his daughter: Donna Fincher of Waynesville, MO; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife Dora, Don was preceded in death by one brother, Forrest Fincher.

Services with military honors were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Lindell Shelden officiating. Serving as escorts were family and friends and military honors were provided by the United States Air Force. Burial followed in the Rosehill Cemetery of Willard, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Willard, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *MSGT (Ret) Don LaVelle Fincher*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Don LaVelle Fincher*



Pulaski Camp Gideons - October 22, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *Linda Cole-Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of MSGT (Ret) Don LaVelle Fincher*



Linda Cole-Schonbok - September 26, 2018 at 04:20 PM