



Aubrey Darrell O'Connor

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Aubrey Darrell O'Connor, was born in Craighead County, Arkansas December 30th, 1938 to Alma Chapman O'Connor and the late Eddie Aubrey O'Connor. He died in Memphis, Tennessee on November 4th, 2011. He is survived by his son, Lawrence Aubrey O'Connor of Austin, Texas, his mother Alma O'Connor Mount of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas and his sister Doris Gill and husband Colbert of Cherokee Village, Arkansas. Mr. O'Connor was an entrepreneur, investment banking executive, farmer and race car driver. He graduated from Hoxie High School in Hoxie, Arkansas and attended variously, Southern Baptist College, The University of Pennsylvania – Wharton, The University of Houston and Arkansas State University. Serving in the Army from 1956 to 1958, his affinity for math and numbers led him to become an E5 cryptographer in what would become the National Security Agency. He was Co-founder, President and Chairman of Hibbard, O'Connor & Weeks with offices in Memphis, TN, Chicago, IL, New York, NY, and Houston, TX. Mr. O'Connor was Co-founder and President of F & O Oil Corporation and Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Government Securities Corporation in Houston, TX. He was also owner and manager of O'Connor Farms in Newport, Arkansas. Mr. O'Connor began racing motorcycles in the Army in 1958 and continued to pursue his passion for speed throughout the 1960s and 1970s racing variously in the USAC, NASCAR and Formula 2 series among others. He competed on such storied tracks as the Daytona International Speedway, Pocono Raceway and Texas World Speedway. He was proud to have served as a Board Member and Special Event Organizer for the Texas Zoo in Victoria, TX from 1981 to 1985. Honorary pallbearers are Colbert Gill, Glen Worlow, Brien O'Connor Dunn, Joe Rocket, Rafael Moreno Turrent, Roy Jones, Andy Udale, Bob Bevill, Bill Morris and John Elkington. The family will receive friends 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2011 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held 2:30 p.m., Monday,



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November 7, at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A burial service will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Victoria, Texas on Wednesday at 3pm. Contributions in his memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis or any other charities.



Tribute Wall

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DM

Dmcm posted:

I only learned of Aubrey's passing last week. It made me so sad. It was hard to accept how a person so full of life could be gone. I knew him when we were young. Aubrey was special and I wish we'd stayed in touch throughout the years. I'll never forget him and I hope to see him again."Goodnight sweet prince... and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." from Shakespeare's Hamlet

April 27 at 1:35 PM

TJ

Tico Joing posted:

He was a GENTLEMAN AND A HONOR TO KNOW.May he rest in peace.A friend , Tico

November 21 at 2:07 PM

LL

Lavon(Heavy) Light posted:

AUbreY was a grate friend of mine ,haven't talk to him in while. Aubrey and I work to gether in the sixty at Vulcan Corp. in walnut Ridge. I feel like i have lost a great friend .LAVON (HEAVY)LIGHT

November 10 at 6:49 PM

LA

Lacy posted:

So sorry to hear of Aubrey's passing. Such a wonderful man. God Bless.

November 10 at 3:00 PM

AM

Amy And Jackie Mullen posted:

Such great memories of Aubrey, so sorry to see him pass. We will be praying for you, and Lawrence and Mrs. Alma. Even though Aubrey had moved away from Smithville he was often in our thoughts and prayers

November 10 at 9:01 AM

RC

Renee Callahan posted:

So sorry to hear the news about Aubrey. A wonderful person to be around. I shared the love of horses with him, going on trail rides and just loving the great outdoors. Aubrey will be missed very much. My greatest sympathy to the family.

November 9 at 2:34 PM



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NE

Nancy Justus Elliott posted:

Lawrence, I just want you to know that I have been thinking about you in the passing of your father; I know you will miss those trips you two were able to take together through the years. I have many interesting, funny, thoughtful, and unforgettable mem

November 8 at 12:17 PM

RG

Rita Guthrie posted:

Doris, I am Beatrice Justus's daughter. I had a friend to send me the article about Aubrey in the Commerical Appeal. I am so sorry to learn about Aubrey's death. Our prayers will be with you and your mother. God Bless.With Love & Blessings. Rita Guth

November 8 at 8:43 AM

JE

Jennifer posted:

My dashing, exciting great-uncle. He will be missed. Much love to Lawrence.

November 7 at 10:05 AM

RB

Ronald Ring And Candy Bryant posted:

Thanks for all the good memories.... The trail rides will always be something I will look forward to. Thanks for getting such a wonderful event in my life. Because of this event, Candy and I are looking forward to the future.Always friends....

November 6 at 10:55 AM

TF

The Tony King Family posted:

The King Family, Dorothy, Scott and family, and Sharon and Family, We are sorry to hear about the passing of Aubery, And we wish our sincerest symphy to the family, and Aunt Alma. Our prayers go out to you all. Dorothy King, Scott King , and Sharon King

November 6 at 9:18 AM



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Pat Smith And Yvonne Thomas posted:

Dear Lawrence, Pat and I are thinking of you and sending you peace and strength. We share in your sadness. Pat and Yvonne

November 5 at 7:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Aubrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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