



Donald Christopher Earthman

May 29, 2024

Donald Christopher Earthman, born August 27, 1946 in Houston, Texas to J. B. and Blanche Earthman, died on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 in Austin, Texas. He was 77 years of age.

Don was a gentle man, generous with his time and heart, who led an exemplary life. Don was born the “lucky seventh son” of nine siblings. He attended St. Anne Catholic School and St. Thomas Catholic High School in Houston, and received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from St. Louis University.

In 1974, Don married his “Cajun Queen” Jerrie Jean Dupuy of New Orleans, Louisiana and together they raised three children in Houston; Christopher Matthew, Eric Timothy and Kathryn Michelle.

Don spent his working years in the family life insurance business: Mission Life Insurance Company, started by his parents J.B. and Blanche. Don and his brother Michael oversaw Mission's growth for over 3 decades. After retirement, he devoted his time and energy to real estate investing, traveling with his family (especially his lively grandchildren), and caring for the elderly.

He was an avid outdoorsman and looked forward to his annual hike up to the Vail summit each birthday. He fly fished and snow skied into his late seventies. Don was a 6th generation Texan (a son of the Republic of Texas) and loved exploring its rich history.

Don was preceded in death by his brother Bill Earthman, brother and longtime business partner Michael Earthman, and his parents Blanche and J.B. Earthman, Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jerrie; son Chris and his wife Kathleen, son Eric, and daughter Kathryn and her husband Nick; and ten grandchildren: Paul, Matthew, Emma, Avery, Thomas, Gannon, Andrew, Annie, Elizabeth and Abigail. His surviving siblings include: Jim Earthman and his wife Cindy, Tom Earthman and his wife Brigid, Jack Earthman, Bob Earthman, Blanche Mary Morello and her husband Charlie, and Bruce Earthman and his wife Pam. He is also survived by a myriad of nieces, nephews, cousins, and his beloved second cousin Bernadette Spawn.

A visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary and Vigil for the Deceased will begin at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, 11740 Joan of Arc in Houston, Texas. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 also at St. Cecilia's. Donald Earthman will be laid to rest at Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Retina Research Foundation, CanCARE, University of St. Thomas in Houston,

Texas, Catholic Charities of Central Texas, or St. Theresa Catholic School.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Juraj Mijo Rozman lit a candle Mr.Donald C.Eartman, Hosana In The Highest, Today You Have Been Spiritually Entrusted To All The Angels And Saints In The Eternal Triumph Of GOD.*



Juraj Mijo Rozman - February 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *JURAJ MIJO ROZMAN lit a candle My Condolences and Prayers To Mr. Robert L .Earthman at The Passing Of His Brother, Donald Christopher Into The Eternal Kingdom Of God.*



JURAJ MIJO ROZMAN - August 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Jerrie & Family, Mary Lou and I send our sincerest condolences to you. Losing Don is indeed a tragedy. He was full of life in his own quiet way. We will never forget our good times together, at Holy Ghost Parish, Christopher's and Eric's soccer teams, supper club, dinner in Rome, and so on. You have been and always will be in our hearts. We pray for Don's eternal peace with the Lord and for you in this time of healing.*

Mary Lou and Mike Cenatiempo - June 05, 2024 at 05:37 PM

PP

“ I’ve been a ‘long distance’ cousin/family member of my Earthman Family but my memories of Donald are especially sweet because of his kindness to my mother, his Aunt Jamie. Our Earthman family history is interesting and longevity has been kind. I send love and condolences to Jerrie and the immediate family plus a smile that Donald has chosen Taylor, Texas to be laid to rest. It’s where it all began.

Patsy Pfister - June 03, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DW

“ Very fond memories of Don. I have known Don and Jerrie for years, since before they were married, and had the joy of concelebrating their wedding. A good man, husband and father, grandfather, and a faithful disciple of our Lord. Jerrie, my dear friend, my heartfelt love and prayers for you and your family. May Don be at peace with the Living Lord and his family in heaven. May he have a seat with them at the Lord's Heavenly Banquet.

Peace & Prayers,

(Fr.) Dan Warden

Daniel Warden - June 02, 2024 at 06:26 PM