



Donald Otis Childress Jr.

July 3, 1950 - January 28, 2024

Donald Otis Childress, Jr., 73 of Chickamauga passed away Sunday, January 28, 2024. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late, Donald Otis Childress, Sr. & Cora Jean Lumley Childress and had lived in the Dallas, Texas area for more than 40 years, before moving back to North Georgia in March of 2023. He was an Army Veteran and retired from ABF Trucking after many years of service. He also worked for Consolidated Freightways for several years, was an avid sports fanatic and loved his dog "Buddy". He was a loving and devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend that will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Jonelle Satterwhite Childress.

Survivors include his step-children, Sonija (Ferrell) Easley, Cindy Phillips and Joel Phillips; brothers & sister-in-law, Paul Childress and Tommy (Chris) Childress; sisters, Edna Gass and Marilyn Childress; 2 grandchildren, Nigel (Meaghan) Easley and Colin (Paula) Easley; 4 great grandchildren, Shelby Easley, Ayden Easley, Kayleigh Easley and Brenlee Easley; several nieces, nephews and numerous extended family & friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date and there will be no visitation at the funeral home. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

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“ I work in Cedar Hill Texas at Daryl J Seidler DDS. Don was our patient. I was very new to the practice when he met me at the front door as I was unlocking the door...he actually kinda scared me at that first encounter...lol.... then we got to know him.... he absolutely LOVED his little dog... we shared dog stories often. When he told us he sold his house here and was moving to Georgia we were shocked and saddened. Occasionally we would call his cell to check on him. The last couple of times we called no answer and then today 08.21.2025 it was no longer in service and I had a sick feeling. Dede my coworker said well maybe he got a better service out there....hoping.... but I kinda knew...so I searched and hated what I found. One thing I hope he shared with you guys is his pet chicken.... it kept coming around and he started feeding it... so he told us it was his pet chicken... he was a hoot for sure...kinda gruff at times but really a big ole softy! He has been missed since we last saw him and I'm sure he is missed by everyone now. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to get to know him. I will never forget him for sure. I hope he knew Jesus as his Saviour because I would surely like to see him in Glory one day!

Shanna Potter - August 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM

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“ We met in an awkward time.
He was living with my husband's ex wife.
My husband and I really liked him right away.
He was such a gentle kind person.
He loved the grand babies from the get go.
Such a guy of big stature,but gentle as a giant.
We were very happy to know him and his love of family.
So very sorry,he has left ,but believe he is with his other half now!

Judith F.Phillips and J.w.Phillips - January 30, 2024 at 05:37 PM