



Donald Ray Luttrell

November 4, 1932 - March 7, 2021

Donald Ray Luttrell, 88, passed away peacefully on March 07, 2021 in his Midland, TX home. He was born in Hobbs, New Mexico, on November 4, 1932, to James (J.R. "Nick" Luttrell) and his wife Wanda Irene.

Don Luttrell was a stylish, refined and thoughtful gentleman, whom some would say, the true definition of debonair. A longtime Midland resident, he was a man of many remarkable talents, diverse interests and exciting hobbies.

He began his career working for several Midland or Odessa radio and television stations. Later he joined his dad, "Nick" Luttrell as an oil and gas consultant. Most recently, he was employed by the Midland Community Theater, where he played a big part during their renovation efforts a few years ago. He continued to work there during the last few days of his life and thoroughly enjoyed his extraordinary co-workers.

As a dedicated father, son, husband and true-blue-friend, there was nothing Don would not do to help any one of us. He loved us too much to not give his very best; all the while employing his enthusiastic, rose colored glasses. This included his expertise, encouragement and total devotion to those he loved and cared for. We were, and continue to be, extremely blessed and fortunate to have known and loved him.

Donald Ray Luttrell is survived by three daughters, Dana Luttrell and Caroline Luttrell, both of Santa Fe, NM and Staci Klapproth of Midland; three grandchildren, Julian Gonzales, Evan Luttrell, and Zoe Klapproth. He is preceded in death by his wife Nicki Charls Luttrell and his parents, James Roscoe and Wanda Irene Luttrell.

Arrangements pending.

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Moon River by Henry Mancini

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tuJ34YgW0c>

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Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach: Live at The Rainbow Room

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ifc8rZRCwMo>

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A Taste of Honey by Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGmQXuySF28>

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Herb Alpert And The Tijuana Brass - Felicia

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54AJImETiuE&list=PL48E6E4C12F13AAD3&index=16)

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Come Fly With Me by Frank Sinatra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rftTxmcLSfY>

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Johnny Mathis Greatest Hits Full Album

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRBOg424Fms>

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This Guy's In Love With You by Herb Alpert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvQMyVoefNI>

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Midnight Sernade by Glenn Miller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjq1aTLjrOE>

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Sing, Sing, Sing by Benny Goodman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXUFfEtY80I>

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Artie Shaw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsiKy_H1KUM



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I've Got You Under My Skin by Frank Sinatra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eNanYTdd6Q>

Strangers In The Night by Sinatra

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fd_3EkGr0-4

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L-O-V-E by Nat King Cole

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZYtes1RO_w

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Can't Help Falling In Love by Elvis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGJTaP6anOU>

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Can't Take My Eyes off You by Frankie Valli

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYwQy_9JPtQ

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Unchained Melody by the Righteous Brothers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D001j8Mw1k>

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The Shadow of Your Smile by Tony Bennett

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mP2ZaQ7Wq24>

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My Way by Frank Sinatra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQzdAsjWGPg>

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It's Not for Me to Say by Johnny Mathis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILfUKbPPGfE>

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Always on My Mind by Willie Nelson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7f189Z0v0Y>

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George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFHdRkeEnpM>

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Stranger in Paradise by Tony Bennett & Andrea Bocelli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFrUsa5SUv0>

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Theme from "A Summer Place by Percy Faith & his Orchestra
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Wd3dlEvodk

caroline LUTTRELL - March 19 at 03:11 PM



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What The World Needs Now Is Love

by Jackie DeShannon (My favorite version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ2SAtkEsqU>

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by Dionne Warwick (Dad's Favorite)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfHAs9cdTqg>

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Andy Williams Greatest Hits (Shades of living on Lyndale, Odessa, TX)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qgMZQ2S9P8>

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My Friend the Sea by Rod McKuen: music by Anita Kerr

(Lyndale: Dad played this for Mom.)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqtbDIY935Y&list=PLJC268D5bzVoDWS3coXQIxK1xai4R0pho)

[v=eqtbDIY935Y&list=PLJC268D5bzVoDWS3coXQIxK1xai4R0pho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqtbDIY935Y&list=PLJC268D5bzVoDWS3coXQIxK1xai4R0pho)

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Unforgettable by Nat King Cole and/or with Natalie Cole

Just Nat King Cole

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDN5rG3wLa4>

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Daddy/Daughter Version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-K80kMe5vd8>

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What Kind Of Fool Am I by Sammy Davis Jr.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7Hv5Bw-AUc>

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I Left My Heart in San Francisco by Tony Bennett

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ysw4svDmcxc>

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Henry Mancini

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgyGXIfpRAo>

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It's Not for You to Say by Johnny Mathis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ84XJzxQWg>

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For Once in My Life by Tony Bennett

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3T6YI5iBwhM>

NOTE: If you want a cohesive copy of the entire Anthology, email CmagicHappen@aol.com to receive one by email or word format.

caroline LUTTRELL - March 19 at 03:03 PM



“ My condolences to Don's family. He was a positive influence and became a friend when I began my career in radio. I appreciated his upbeat personality and positive attitude. My life is better because of Don's friendship.

I believe there were three places your Dad and I both worked but only together at KJBC. I believe he also later worked for Channel 7 and Snelson Advertising. I did TV news from 71-74 at KOSA.

Steve Drummond

March 10, 2021 | Friend

Caroline Luttrell - March 18 at 10:23 AM



“ DONALD RAY LUTTRELL: MUSICAL ANTHOLOGY, Take 3

-- It's Jazz, MAN!!! --

Arranged by Caroline Luttrell, #1 Daughter (And he TOLD me so, quite frequently, nanny nu!)

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-JAZ FOR DADDY-

Breezin' by Al Jarreau & George Benson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf8L2dp01_A

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Besame Mucho by Dave Brubeck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvtaSiYAjaQ>

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This Masquerade by George Benson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9W0g3NGSj4>

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Take 5 by Dave Brubeck Dave Brubeck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT9Eh8wNMkw>

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The Best of Oscar Peterson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=_73txwJSvSA

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Feels So Good by Chuck Mangione

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FExBwfQHXIE>

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Exquisite JAZZ Music For Morning, Work, Study

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pR7wqdjeV9s>



“ DONALD RAY LUTTRELL: MUSICAL ANTHOLOGY, Take 2 - - INSPIRATIONAL - -
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INSPIRATIONAL Songs FOR DADDY

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In the Arms of an Angel by Sarah McLachlan
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SiyIvmFI_8

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You Raise Me Up by Josh Groban
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XtKATPm6oU>

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My Sweet Lord by George Harrison
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qJTJNfzvr8>

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LET IT BE by the Beatles
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8jBYaXFDzU>

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I Will Remember You by Sarah Mclachlan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSz16ngdsG0>

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Ave Maria by Celtic Woman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usADINi17cl>

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Ave Maria by Celin Dion
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek9LKDjgshU>

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Time To Say Goodbye by Andrea Bocelli
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3mdHmhl3cs>

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The Sounds Of Silence by Simon & Garfunkel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAEppFUWLfc>

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Andrea Bocelli - Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFXdEQ4Yx2M>

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Fall on Me by Andrea Bocelli & Matteo Bocelli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChcR2gKt5WM>

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Amazing Grace by Andrea Bocelli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpXwOSHTwsY>

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The Prayer by Andrea Bocelli & Céline Dion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt_OkgSOrkU

Caroline Luttrell - March 18 at 08:22 AM



“ Remembering Cousin Don

I first met Don, then Donald Ray, in the mid-1950's on a visit to our mutual grandparents, Loren and Edna Rush, in Coleman Texas. I was a kid of about 7 or 8 and he was a young man in his mid-20's. My sepia-toned memories of that time are like old snapshots with frilly edges. Mostly I remember Don's warmth and kindness to a kid who could have been pretty easily ignored. As I recall he took some of us cousins for a soda at a drugstore soda fountain downtown where we saw a man dressed in an elaborate cowboy outfit and his horse tethered out front. It was the first and last time I ever saw a genuine example of the species "drugstore cowboy", although I've heard the term many times since.

Our paths crossed infrequently over the years as we lived on opposite ends of Texas, but I continued to collect mental snapshots of his fascinating life characterized by kindness, generosity, service to others, talent and amazingly varied interests. I think he got his character from his Dad, J.R. "Nick" Luttrell. My affection and respect for Uncle Nick is reflected in the name of my only son, Nick Beck.

My recollections include joining him for a late-night FM broadcast of mellow music from a studio in downtown Midland, meeting his friend Masajiro "Mike" Kawato, a WWII Japanese fighter pilot(!), talks about old warplanes and the CAF, and meeting the love of his life, Nikki. My last memory is from April 2018 when Eileen and I were passing through on our way to Colorado and met Don for lunch at Graham Pharmacy. That kinda closes the loop that started at a West Texas drugstore soda fountain.

Farewell old friend. I'm sad to see you go, but enormously grateful that I had my life enriched by knowing you.

Cousin Randy Beck

Randolph Beck - March 17 at 02:34 PM



“ Thanks, Randy, for such lovely words about my Dad. I remember seeing over the years but it has been a long time. Dad and my Grandparents certainly thought a lot of you! They always told stories about how well you were doing in life. Many blessing to you and yours.

Caroline - March 17 at 11:10 PM



“ There will be a Celebration of Life for Don at the Midland Community Theater (2000 W. Wadley in Midland) on Saturday March 20, 2021 from 1-3pm.

DANA S LUTTRELL - March 17 at 12:53 PM



“ ---Music was SO important to Don. As his #1 daughter (and the only one for six years) I have compiled a list of DADDY SONGS with much love and praise to celebrate his life. I was lucky enough to experience the fullest Daddy experience, simply by knowing him the longest. And Dad, I have to say you must have taught me well, because I am amazed where this journey has taken me. This is my love letter to you.

---This is only the first section in my loving task, wishing to capture the many elements of his persona, including his favorite songs, genres and artists. My Daddy WAS music! And, you can tell the measure of a man by the songs he keeps!

---If any of you would like a MS Word or Excel copy of this total (pick and click) endeavor, please email CmagicHappen@aol.com. I am more than happy to share, although I must admit that most of this is entirely selfish, so I can think of him often with CELEBRATION!

A Song for You by Leon Russell; chosen by his #1 Daughter, Caroline
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvazuyF6eXw>

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For a Dancer by Jackson Browne; chosen by his #2 Daughter, Dana
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig6X3-9wxll>

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Teach Your Children by Crosby, Stills & Nash
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young - Teach Your Children - YouTube

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The Long And Winding Road by the Beatles
The Long And Winding Road (Remastered 2015) - YouTube

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Tears in Heaven by Eric Clapton
Eric Clapton - Tears In Heaven (Official Video) - YouTube

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So Far Away by Carole King
So Far Away - YouTube

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Autumn Leaves sung by Eric Clapton
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKT8rBvS3gQ>

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I Love You Just the Way You Are by Billy Joel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j4U66RYzQo>

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Andrew Lloyd Webber (Cats!) MEMORIES; Heather Headley singing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v_A6DalQUc

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Our House by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKYjUn-SBcg>

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My Girl by the Temptations
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eepLY8J4E6c>

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Fathers and Daughters Never Say Goodbye by Michael Bolton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHLkAMGyqf8>

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One Moment in Time by Whitney Houston

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7L9EMe-7Z4w>

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I Will Always Love You by Whitney Houston

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ardgIr9MVVQ>

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The Greatest Love of All by Whitney Houston

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbp6W4N1N9s>

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The Twelfth Of Never by Johnny Mathis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNNRGa3pKyw>

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Dance With My Father Again by Luther Vandross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmDxJrggie8>

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Have I Told You Lately that I Love You by Van Morrison

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J789Gld1kaY>

Caroline Luttrell - March 13 at 10:41 PM



“ Sorry a few of the links did not translate via my Xcel file. You can still hear them by searching for the song on YouTube..

Caroline - March 13 at 10:58 PM



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So Far Away - YouTube

caroline - March 19 at 08:45 AM



“ Being a DJ is hard, Daddy! I am all over the place trying to capture your songs!



caroline luttrell - March 13 at 12:52 AM



“ My Sister Dana sent this wonderful song to me. It speaks volumes.

--For a Dancer by Jackson Browne--

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig6X3-9wxll>

"Keep a fire burning in your eye
Pay attention to the open sky
You never know what will be coming down
I don't remember losing track of you
You were always dancing in and out of view
I must've thought you'd always be around
Always keeping things real by playing the clown
Now you're nowhere to be found

Into a dancer you have grown
From a seed somebody else has thrown
Go on ahead and throw some seeds of your own
And somewhere between the time you arrive and the time you go
May lie a reason you were alive, but you'll never
know"

From Caroline Luttrell
#1 Daughter

Caroline Luttrell - March 12 at 05:46 PM



“ Music was extremely important to Daddy and he loved everything from Big Bands on. Of course, he was my favorite DJ! I had the wonderful opportunity to go to the various radio/TV stations with him to watch or "help him" work. What fun that was! And, he could sing, too!!

This lovely Leon Russell song speaks to me now. Although it is about a man/woman relationship, the words are too beautiful to miss and express my forever love for the man who taught and shaped me into who I am today. THANK YOU, DADDY!

---I know your image of me
Is what I hope to be...
---There's no one more important (than you) to me
---You taught me precious secrets
Of the truth withholding nothing...

"I love you in a place
Where there's no space and time
I love you for my life
You are a friend of mine
And when my life is over
Remember when we were together
We were alone and
I was singing this song to you"

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvazuyF6eXw>

Caroline Luttrell - March 12 at 05:41 PM



“ Selena Hildebrand and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Ray Luttrell.



Selena Hildebrand and family - March 10 at 09:31 AM



“ Selena Hildebrand lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Luttrell



Selena Hildebrand - March 10 at 09:11 AM



“ Thank you, Selena. Very sweet of you!

Caroline - March 10 at 06:48 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



DANA S LUTTRELL - March 09 at 11:29 PM



“ Before the sum of our Dads kind, gentle, loving way, simple goodness overcomes seeming greatness. I love you Daddy, sure miss you something fierce.

Staci - March 10 at 05:32 PM



“ Simple goodness overcame seeming greatness with everything this Daddy, our Dad, my Daddy did in life. He was breathlessly calm & deliberate, always kind & gentle. I miss you something fierce. Thank you for being so freaking awesome. -Staci

Staci - March 10 at 05:43 PM



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Caroline Luttrell - March 12 at 05:36 PM



“ Hi Staci I am so sorry about your Dad. He was a very positive influence on me when I was getting started in radio. Hope all else is fine with you and your family. It's been many years since we worked next door to each other in the Western Building. I pray God brings you peace and comfort during this very difficult point in your life. God bless you.

Steve - March 19 at 08:22 PM



“ Chivalrous and kind he was always consistent in his gestures towards everyone he encountered. Never without smiles and the outlook of life's glass being half full kept his pay it forward mentality without accompaniment. My first encounter with him in public was me picking up medicine and him picking up my tab for the lunch I just ordered at Graham's as he quietly exited before I could thank him. Unrequited thoughtful acts without worry of what returns his direction. Even in his last few days he tried to be humble in his personal needs and tried to limit others in their attentiveness to his health, His persona lives on through all he touched. He was not a large man in physical size but his statute was large. The footprint impossible to measure but will be none the less be immensely appreciated as you see how it affected those near, and their friends as they paid it forward from his example. Wherever he is or how his soul is dispersed, love ones will no doubt be welcoming his presence in all capacities.

Grateful friend of the family,
Lance

Lance - March 09 at 10:15 PM