



Alton E. DeSpain

April 1, 1925 - June 30, 1905

Alton E. DeSpain of Lindsay, Oklahoma went to be with his Lord on July 11, 2008 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 83. Alton was born on April 1, 1925 in Blanchard, Oklahoma to Nellie Mae "McCoy" DeSpain and Marshall Felix DeSpain. Alton married Leta Zae Wood on February 22, 1945 in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Alton attended Northeast High School in Oklahoma City and Lindsay High School. He served his country stateside in the Marine Corp during World War II. Having lived in Lindsay, Oklahoma during his youth, he returned to the area in 1969. Alton was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lindsay and served as chairman of the Deacons. Being active in the community, Alton was a member of the Gideons, the Lions Club, and he was at one time the President of the Star Spencer school board.

Mr. DeSpain worked for Meadow Gold, he sold life insurance, and he worked for Macklinburg Duncan. He owned several businesses including MidWest Auto Supply, Del City Auto Supply, Lindsay Feed and Seed and Western Auto of Lindsay. He was also a farmer and rancher.

Alton loved spending time with family, storytelling, farming and gardening, hunting and traveling to see God's beautiful world. Alton had traveled to all seventy-seven Oklahoma County Seats. He was a wildflower enthusiast, and

he loved taking nature walks with his wife, Leta.

Mr. DeSpain was preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Nellie DeSpain, and three brothers; Willis DeSpain, Cecil DeSpain and Leon Oswalt.

Alton is survived by his wife, Leta DeSpain, his daughter; Carole Rice and husband Johnny of Newcastle, Oklahoma, two sons; Dale DeSpain and wife Cathryn of Owasso, Oklahoma , and Rick DeSpain and wife Kim of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is also survived by eight grandchildren; Darren Rice and wife Kayla, Bryan Rice and wife Stacey, Jason Rice and wife Amanda, Paul DeSpain and wife Athena, Daniel DeSpain, Sarah DeSpain, Nathan DeSpain and Micah DeSpain and twelve great-grandchildren; Brook Rice, Morgan Rice, Whitney Rice, Cole Lee Rice, Kate Rice, Cason Rice, Ally Rice, Addison Rice, Abigail DeSpain, Benjamin DeSpain, Levi DeSpain, and Naomi DeSpain, and an adoptive granddaughter coming from China.

Funeral Services for Mr. DeSpain are set for 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 14th, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Interment will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions can be made to Rio Bend Foster Children's Home, 1500 Pultar Rd. Richmond, TX 77469; Coyote Hill Children's Home, 1390 Boone Industrial Dr. Suite 150 Columbia, MO 65202; Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children, 3800 N. May OKC, OK 73112; and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street 19th floor NYC, NY 10005.

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Rick i remember your dad from years ago . My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Donnie Nunn - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Alton was a very sweet man and brought joy to those who were blessed to know him. I know how much he meant to each of you. I pray God will bring peace to your family at this difficult time.

Shannon - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Carole, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I hold you in my heart and will keep each of you in my prayers, especially your mom. I love you.

Brenda Vernon - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I know how special Alton was to everyone in your family, and I know how much he will be missed. I hope that your many memories will bring you comfort during this sad time. I will be praying for you all.

Ashley - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Alton was always so sweet to me. May the fond memories you have of him comfort you.

(Author Not Available) - July 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ We're praying for you as you miss your dad and rejoicing with you at his presence with the Lord.

Patrick & Cheryl Patterson - July 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Leta and family,

 My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love never dies but lives on in your memories. God bless you.

Lottie Ellen

Lottie (Parsons) Martin - July 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Rick,

I was sorry to read about your dad in today's paper. I know we haven't kept in touch since the old Actors Company days, but I do think about you every now and then with fond memories.

My family and I will keep you in our thoughts in the difficult times ahead.

Richard Lemin

Deborah Franklin

Jordan Lemin

Alexander Lemin

Richard Lemin - July 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dale & Cathryn, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We know that the past few months have been difficult. We wish we would have had the opportunity to have met Mr. DeSpain. To have raised such a fine son means he must have been quite a wonderful man.

Jerrey & Barbara Ebert - July 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I first met Alton when we worked together at OTASCO, and since that time I always considered him a friend. Several years later he was my brother in Christ, Deacon and a very Godly man I looked up to. A Pastor once told me that one of the best things that a father leaves his son is a name, Rick he has left you a good one. May God Continually be with you and your family.

Lester Grumbles - July 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ My prayers are with your family. I know it is difficult time from going thru this with my mother. God's Grace is Sufficient and on Perfect Time!.

Patti Harris - July 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We love you guys! We are praying for you and your family Love Ken, Janet Emily and Ally

Janet Moore - July 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our hearts and prayers have been with you. God is so good, to have given your mom and dad a long healthy life together. I know you will miss him. Love Leo and Cynthia Croninger

Leo and Cynthia Croninger - July 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rick, I must tell you how much your father meant to me. After I surrendered to preach, he was such an encouragement to me. I was at the grocery store at that time and we had a lot of long heartfelt talks about how Jesus had touched our lives. He would have tears on his cheeks as he shared his love for his Saviour. I know that he is in the presence of Jesus right now. I can just imagine how he is rejoicing with Him in Heaven. Tammie and I are praying for your family. John Hornbeck

John Hornbeck - July 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM