



Donald Fell Maierson

October 30, 1942 - March 4, 2024

Donald Fell Maierson passed away Monday, March 4, 2024, at his “happy place”, Sky High Ranch in Dripping Springs, Texas. He was surrounded by the hills of Central Texas, blooming bluebonnets, and most importantly his wife, Ruth.

Don was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania on October 30, 1942, to Charles and Anne Maierson. In 1959, the family moved to Bellaire, Texas. Don attended Bellaire High School and graduated in 1960. After graduating high school, Don went on to college and graduated from the University of Houston in 1965 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics.

Don was passionate about history, politics, and upholding democracy. It was during his undergraduate years at the University of Houston that he decided to become an attorney. As an attorney, he could commit to his strong belief that all people should be valued equally under the law. He attended the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. After graduating law school top of his class in 1969, he became a defense attorney and practiced at Kahn and Maierson Law Firm. In 1980, he started The Maierson Law Firm, P.C.

In the late 1980's, Don had the opportunity to dedicate his skills as an attorney to another important issue just on the forefront of people's awareness - the environment. He worked tirelessly for 5 years with numerous colleagues and

clients to win one of the first class-action judgments against several large corporations. The judgment against these businesses was one of the first at the time to hold large corporations accountable for illegally dumping toxic waste into an area where individuals and wildlife lived, creating cancer clusters and birth defects. Don went on to be highly regarded and sought after as an expert in the United States that other attorneys could consult with for future class-action environmental lawsuits.

In 2009, after practicing law for many years, Don decided to work only as a consulting attorney. This gave him more time to advocate for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Don served for 10+ years on the ADL's Security Committee. He served 3+ years on the Committee of Law Enforcement, Extremism, and Anti-Semitism and was a mentor while on this committee. Most recently, he was honored to be appointed as Southwest Regional Board Chair for the ADL.

Don's biggest commitment in life was to his family. In 1967, at an Exxon gas station, while visiting a friend who worked there, Ruth Maierson walked in and that would be the beginning of a 56-year love affair. After marrying in 1970, they were blessed with 3 children: Shari, Mark, and Jeff Maierson. As the years progressed, Don happily added 2 daughters-in-law, Tabitha and Ngan, to the family. Don's love shined brightest when he was surrounded by his grandchildren: Emma, Adam, Abigail, Winston, and Melanie. He was their "Proud Papa". Don's role as husband, dad, and papa will be greatly missed by his family, because of the unconditional love and support he gave to all of them through life's ups and downs. Don also leaves behind his big brother, Allan Maierson, many brother and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services for Don was held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Anti-Defamation League. Donations can be made in memory of Don Maierson online at adl.org/donate or at ADL, 4635 Southwest Freeway, Ste. 400, Houston, TX 77027

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ My employer worked for Newton B. Schwartz and that's how I met Mr. Maierson. It was hard work with a lot of team effort and a lot of time. I know what they were fighting for. FLS is still making the news. JA

Joseph A Rusnak - August 28, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ Thank you for the help and guidance I received at the start of my legal career. My condolences to Ruth, the family and all Don's friends.

Bob Rosenberg - March 14, 2024 at 06:35 AM

CF

“ Tabitha, thank you for posting the services - they were inspiring and loving, as are you all.

Don, a great friend, lived a life of love, service and contribution. He went with Max and I to Russia when Gorbachev was turning the government over to Yeltsin, to support a peaceful transition. A giant of a father, husband, friend and of communities working for everyone. So many precious memories, his laughter, dinners together, the temple. May we all keep him alive in our hearts and memories with the joy and closeness we experienced in his presence.

And Shari, your tribute was magnificent!

My heart and prayers are with you all now.

Carolyn Fine - March 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM

ME

“ Our family was saddened to hear of Don’s passing. Don was my brother in law and is a great loss to our family, and to society. He defended and worked for many organizations to make this a better world. He was always there when I needed legal or situational advice. He was a very knowledgeable, respectful, and kind man. He will be missed. God bless you, Ruth and the Maierson families. Amen



Martin Erenwert - March 09, 2024 at 11:44 PM

BC

“ Our most sincere condolences to Ruth & family.

Blanca & Brian Coyne

Blanca Coyne - March 09, 2024 at 09:32 PM

DD

“ Last May myself, our son and daughter-in-law traveled to Houston to meet Don, my long lost cousin. My birth father Manny Fell and Don's mother Anne were brother and sister. We felt his warmth and generous spirit immediately. If I had to describe how I felt after spending time with him it would be "He is a "Gem". To Ruth, Mark and family, we share your grief. May his memory be eternal. With Love, Dorothy, Daren and Michelle Dortin

Dorothy Dortin - March 09, 2024 at 10:44 AM

CT

“ Ruth and Don were always so generous to share their lovely home with friends or to celebrate a special occasion with us. Don always greeted us with that contagious smile. They also shared their affection for plants, animals, family and their love for each other. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Don will be missed but his spirit will live on. 🕊️ Connie Thompson

Connie Thompson - March 09, 2024 at 10:15 AM

BE

“ It broke my heart to hear the news of this sudden passing. I would consider uncle Don the closest uncle that I had. We shared many experiences together, at many events over the past few years holding the highest amount of respect for one another. Uncle Don was of the smartest most passionate people I knew. Don would always fight for what was right, and I highly respected that. Not many people have that drive and passion. He loved my aunt Ruth deeply and I pray to have the marriage they had and settle in a nice place like they did in their final years. While my heart aches for the family, seeing the last picture of him with the bluebonnets in the back, and his big smile, makes my heart smile. I knew that God needed him for something and took him home. I'm gonna miss you, Don and I will be there for your family anyway I need to be.



Brent Erenwert - March 08, 2024 at 07:06 AM

JJ

“ Don, a true certified Mench. A special friend and Clear Lake Havarah member. His intellect was unparalleled, only to be matched by his kindness and generosity. Ruth & family, our deepest sympathies. Dan & Joyce Johnson

Joyce Johnson - March 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

CB

“ Don was a very Special person to me & all he met. They had a Life Time of Love, an inspiration to all!!

Connie Burroughs - March 07, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ Ruth, we are very saddened at the passing of Don. May his memory be a blessing to you and all your children and grandchildren. Sending love Mike and Sharon.

Sharon Erenwert - March 07, 2024 at 10:36 AM