

Don R. Fullmer

1939 – 2012

Our Hero



Don R. Fullmer passed away January 28, 2012 due to complications from Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Don was born February 21, 1939 in Murray, Utah to Mary and Lawrence "Tuff" Fullmer. He graduated from Jordan High School in 1957 where he excelled in many sports. He married his childhood sweetheart and best friend Nedra Forman in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived their whole life in South Jordan and were blessed with five boys. Don loved boxing and started fighting at the age of five. He ended with an amateur record of 65-0. Don turned pro in August of 1957 and boxed professionally for 16 years compiling a record of 54-20 with 5 draws. Don won the American Middleweight Championship in April of 1967. Don fought for the World Middleweight Championship in December of 1968 and came up just short of his dream.

Don has been Vice President of Rocky Mountain Golden Gloves since 1962. He loved working with the young boxers, teaching them the sport he so dearly loved, alongside his brothers at the Fullmer's Boxing Gym.

Don was inducted into the Utah Summer Games Hall of Fame in 1991 and into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. He was inducted into the National Golden Gloves Hall of Fame in 2007.

Don joined the Salt Lake County Fire Department in 1973 and worked 27 years for them where he made many lifelong friends. He was also a very talented brick mason.

Don was an active member of the LDS church and had many callings. He was always willing to help anyone in need. Don loved his boys and never missed watching any of their sporting events. He loved hunting and fishing and spent many days with his sons in the field.

Don is survived by his wife Nedra and five sons, Larry (Claudia), Brad (Marcie), Troy (Janet), Hud (Brenda), and Kade, 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren (soon to be seven), brothers Gene (Karen) and Jay (Marilyn). He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Colleen Tyson.

The family wishes to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff for helping during this difficult time, especially Rocky Mountain Hospice.

A viewing will be held Thursday, February 2nd from 6-8 pm at the South Jordan 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 West 9750 South. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 3rd at 11:00 am at the South Jordan Stake Center, 2450 West 10400 South with a viewing prior to the services from 9:30-10:45 am. Interment, South Jordan City Cemetery.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Don's favorite charity, Rocky Mountain Golden Gloves, 3500 South 7150 West, Magna, Utah 84128.