



Donald E. Sexton (Lebanon)

JUN 17, 1933 - SEP 24, 2014



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Donald Eugene Sexton, son of Samuel and Sina Scrivener Sexton, was born June 17, 1933, in Erie, Kansas. He departed this life Wednesday, September 24, 2014, in Westside Health Center, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of eighty-one years, three months, and five days.

On April 2, 1965, he was united in marriage to Lena F. Hodges, and they shared the last forty-nine years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dennis Sexton; and several brothers and sisters.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Lena, of the home; three daughters, Denise McCulloch, of Swansboro, North Carolina, Angela Bryant, of Springfield, Missouri, and Debbie Cain, of Marshfield, Missouri; a son, Tim Sexton, of Marshfield, Missouri; four grandchildren, Tim, Lenae, Troy, and Trent; a brother, Virgil Sexton, of Buffalo, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born and raised in Eastern Kansas, and graduated from high school in Garden City, Missouri. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he continued his studies at Drury University where he eventually earned his Specialist Degree in Education. Donald had a career in education that spanned over forty years, beginning with the Dry and Dusty Elementary School and then at Gasconade C-4 Schools. He retired as the Principal of Gasconade C-4 Schools.

He and Lena made their home on their cattle farm near Phillipsburg, and Donald enjoyed caring for his cattle.

Donald had attended First United Methodist Church where he was involved in the Latch Key Program for some time. He and Lena had also attended Phillipsburg Christian Church.



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He had an outgoing personality and never met a stranger. He was quite a story teller and liked visiting with his friends. He had a passion for education and loved working with children. His family was very important to him and he especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and know that he will be fondly remembered as a devoted family man, a dedicated educator, and a patriotic citizen and friend.

Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church, and left at the funeral home.



Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 30, 2014

 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM CT


 **Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service


 **Wednesday**, October 1, 2014

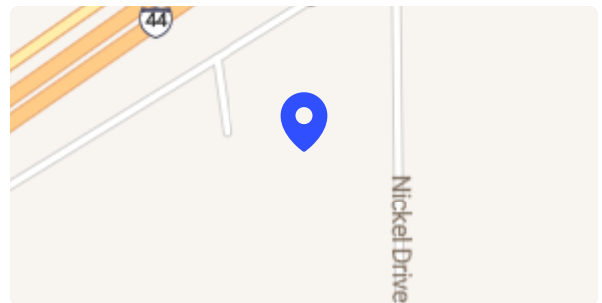
 10:00 AM CT

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Cemetery Details

 **Lonesome Hill Cemetery**
Co Rd X44-749 - Naples Dr, Phillipsburg MO
65722





Tribute Wall

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DE

Dana Elliott lit a candle in honor of Donald.

October 3 at 3:52 AM



JS

Jody Stidham posted:

Don was my teacher at dry and dusty. He was great and taught all who went there what was right and wrong. I'll remember him with great fondness, and wish my condolences to his family. Thank you for everything you taught me Don, rest in peace. Jody Stidham

October 2 at 8:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sexton (Lebanon) family.

September 30 at 2:12 PM



LC

Lenae Cline lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 30 at 1:37 PM



JA

Jan lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Don Sexton was the best girls softball umpire in my day no others even compared. He was a very honest and terrific person. It was a pleasure knowing him. Rest in peace ump.

September 30 at 6:03 AM



TC

Tiffany Cline lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 29 at 12:41 PM





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Tiffany Cline lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 29 at 12:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Quiet Expressions to the Sexton (Lebanon) family.

September 29 at 9:57 AM



Diana Sellers sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.

September 29 at 9:50 AM



DS Diana Sellers September 29 at 9:53 AM
you are in peace now Don,in heaven,what a great place to be huh?



Diana Sellers lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 29 at 9:45 AM



DS Diana Sellers September 29 at 9:49 AM
i will not say good-bye, but i will say as always,"see you later". i will miss you my friend.



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KM

Kelli Munholland posted:

Mr. Sexton will always have a special place in my heart!!! He was a wonderful person, and taught me so much about myself. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton help me realize working with kids was my calling in life and always encouraged me so much. The best advice they gave me was anyone can teach a smart student but it takes a special person to teach those who struggle with school. To have a bond with a student who society marks as a failure and then see that child succeed is the best feeling you can ever have. Thank you so much for that advice, and thank you for being there for me and encouraging me along the way. I will not say Good Bye just that I will see you again one day. I will miss you dearly! Mrs. Sexton I will be thinking and praying for you. You have always been there for me, so if there is anything you need please just ask. Being there for you is the least I can do for all you have done for me. Kelli Munholland

September 29 at 8:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Sexton (Lebanon) family.



September 29 at 5:21 AM

DS

Darren And Michelle Scurlock lit a candle in honor of Donald.



September 28 at 12:11 PM

OH

Odell And Bev Blackstock And Keith And Tina Hundley sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Sexton (Lebanon) family.



September 28 at 4:29 AM

PJ

Pamela Johnson posted:

I have such cherished memories of both Lena and Don Sexton....I am so thankful to have been a part of Dry and Dusty...Mr. Sexton was truly a special person and made us all feel special and worthy....

September 27 at 3:27 PM



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TM

Tasha Moore lit a candle in honor of Donald.

I remember Mr. Sexton from school. I admired him. He will always hold a special place in my heart. My prayers and thought are with Mrs. Sexton and his family!

September 27 at 9:50 AM



TM

Tasha Moore lit a candle in honor of Donald.

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September 27 at 9:50 AM



LK

Lisa Keaton lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 27 at 6:31 AM



AM

Alice Myers lit a candle in honor of Donald.

it is sad to hear of his passing. Mr. & Mrs. Sexton were wonderful teachers they were loving and caring teachers, I have a lot of wonderful memories of the days at Dry & Dusty if only the schools were like that today. I wish that every child could have been touched by this wonderful man and his wife. Alice (Williams) Myers. Lebanon

September 27 at 6:11 AM





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Joann Arrington posted:

You will always be "Mr. Sexton" to me, because I had great admiration and respect for you. I spent a lot of time at your house with Denise and you treated me like one of your own children. You will never be forgotten. Denise, you are in my prayers.

September 27 at 3:52 AM



Brenda Paul Degraw September 29 at 8:29 AM

Yes I feel the same Joann. Mr. Sexton and Mrs Sexton were extra special I loved them very much have great memories



Denise (Sexton) Mcculloch September 28 at 3:17 PM

Thank you, Joann. He was "Mr. Sexton" to me, too. It brings a smile at a needed time.



Lesley Bradley Roth lit a candle in honor of Donald.



September 26 at 5:13 PM



Lesley Bradley Roth September 26 at 5:18 PM

I knew Don Sexton from Gasconade c-4 School. He was the principal there for a long time as i grew up. I would like to send my condolences to Lena & his family..... Lesley Bradley Roth



Holly Graves posted:

I loved Mr. Sexton and his wife. They were my first teachers at Dry and Dusty. They were great teachers, and I have only great memories of them. Like the time my brother and I were at their house, and I tasted real, homemade butter for the first time. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. sexton and his children. Holly (Wood) Graves

September 26 at 4:17 PM



Timothy Mayberry shared an album called **New Album Name.**



September 26 at 3:27 PM



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BN

Brenda Purcell Nutter posted:

Mr. Sexton and Mrs Sexton were the best two teachers I ever had. They cared Nd loved each of us at Dry &Dusty. He really helped each of us, my math was horrible, he worked with me. Also he was a great softball player and taught us sportsmanship. I was blessed to continue knowing them in my adult years, so thankful that I had Don Sexton in my life.

September 26 at 2:20 PM

SW

Sherry Walters posted:

Wonderful memories of Don and Lena I will always cherish the memories I have at Dry and Dusty School they made school days very special! Sherry Decker Walters

September 26 at 2:16 PM

LR

Lori Triplett-Robinson posted:

Angie and Tim, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

September 26 at 10:59 AM

EM

Elizabeth Meixell posted:

The world is a better place because of Don and Lena Sexton. Both were such a positive influence for all of us that were fortunate enough to have them as teachers. May God Bless you during this difficult time. Thinking of you with lots of love, Beth Barnett

September 26 at 9:41 AM

DM

Denise (Sexton) Mcculloch September 28 at 3:20 PM

Beth, thank you for the kind words.

JP

Jana Payne lit a candle in honor of Donald.



September 26 at 6:50 AM



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Tammy Welch posted:

We will be praying for Lena and all the family. I have some of the best memories from Don, Lena, Angie, and Tim. You all were wonderful neighbors and friends. god bless you all.

September 26 at 4:54 AM



Sherry Young Jones lit a candle in honor of Donald.



September 26 at 3:57 AM



Media

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Timothy Mayberry shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

September 26 at 3:27 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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