



Don Pope

November 4, 1965 - May 2, 2013

Age 47, born November 4, 1965, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2013. He is survived by his parents, John and Sofia Pope; wife, Lisa; daughter, Tara (Erik); son, Drew; step-sons, Andrew and Shane; step-daughters, Jessica and Brandee; grandsons, Isaak and Jace; sister, Deb (Andy); brothers, Rick (Tiny), Bob, Mike (Maxine) and Steve; nephews, Tim (Evelin), Eric, Mikey, Donovan, Isaiah, Trey and Timmy; special niece, Jessica and daughters, Jennelle, Jennessa and Jennica; nieces, Amelia, Lianna and Lilia; and many more family members and friends. Don was an avid softball player. He was affectionately known as "Dirt" on and off the field. He was a true Cowboy fan, win or lose. Don loved God, his family, softball, his Harley and jerk chicken. He was a Grants High School graduate and an US Army Veteran 1984. A service will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Lomas. Reception will follow at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas NE. Dirt's family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at a potluck BBQ, noon on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Santa Barbara-Martineztown Softball Field, Edith and Mcknight. In lieu of flowers, Don's family requests memorial contributions may be made to The Don Pope Memorial Fund, Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Lisa, We're so sorry for your loss. Don was a great friend, kind to a fault, opened his home and heart to a family in need. Helped a friend provide for his family and always had a supportive word. We are so sorry we lost touch and missed the time he had left, We apologize for the length of time that has passed and offer our sincere condolences. He will be missed, RIP Don. Doug, Marie and Stacy Harris.

Douglass Harris - December 01, 2013 at 02:18 PM

LM

“ My eyes filled up with tears as I heard the news it never occurred to me, how much I could lose. I find myself wishing that it wasn't real. Every time I think about it, pain is all I can feel. Tears fall from my eyes, I can barely see. But my heart tells me that he'll always be with us. I'm glad he feels no pain now he lives in a perfect land. Until the day we are again together. Together in that perfect place above, filled with caring, sharing and love. But until that day comes I will wipe my tears away. And will see you again....A thousand times we needed youA thousand times we criedIf love alone could have saved youyou never would have diedA heart of gold stopped beatingtwo twinkling eyes closed to restGod broke our hearts to prove he only took the bestnever a day goes by that you're not in heart and my soul.Love and Miss You Cuz!!!

Lisa Montoya - May 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ For all the family,From all of my family in Martins FerryTogether in spirit yet so farawayCindy

cindy snider - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Pops, I love you with all of my heart. I know that you are always going to be there when it counts the most. You will always be with me and the boys. Love, T

Daughter - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Don, Dirty... We are deeply saddened with your passing. Seeing you on and off the field was always a treat for us to see you and catch up. You were always full of smiles, laughs and nothing but good news. You are missed by many and your passing has hit the softball community tremendously. Nick was fortunate to meet such a good man. You impacted his life and he is thankful for the friendship he had with you. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Until we all see you again, May you rest in paradise. God Bless!

Nick & Alcina Montano - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dirt we will miss you, I will miss how you would say Hi mama, hows it goin. I just want to say thank you to you for being so good to my son Ruffilo, I know he will miss you & your big heart. We will never forget you. You will always be in our hearts & minds everytime we go to the softball fields I know you will be there.

Carol Sena - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ In my review I watch you watching the twilight Behind the telephone lines With nothing to prove, or to assume Just thinking if your thoughts are different than mine I see you slowly swim away Cause the light is leaving town To a place that I can't be There's no apologies Just go on There's still so many things I want to say to you But go on Just go on We're bound by blood that's moving The moment that we started What's the purpose of my life if it doesn't ever do With learning to let go?

Tim Pope - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Dante Gutierrez-Zamora and Staff - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ May you rest in peace little brother (Punior); we'll see you in the resurrection. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. My my, hey hey It's better to burn out Than to fade away My my, hey hey. Out of the blue and into the black They give you this, but you pay for that And once you're gone, you can never come back When you're out of the blue and into the black. The king is gone but he's not forgotten.

Rick & Tiny - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Hey Donald...most of my memories was you at the ball park, you was my favorite player and enjoyed your many talents you had playing ball, anyway I know that will continue in my memories and we will all miss you. Everett and Jo Kaiser

Everett+Jo Kaiser - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Hey Dirt this is pretty unreal. The softball fields are not going to be the same without you. You were always there for me and everyone that needed help. You put a smile on many peoples faces and kept them on their toes. You were and dang good softball player and will always be in our hearts. We may not be able to give you this big ceremony of being a Hall of Famer but you will always be a Legend on the fields and in everyones hearts. May you rest in peace and always smile down on us.

Johnny Sanchez - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ I only had 16 years with you, I wanted so many more. I love and miss you so much. We all want you back, but we know we will see you again. Forever yours Lisa

wife - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“*Primo, I Love You *jo...R/I/P.... Chosen Out of the World* It is a truth of our faith that the all-wise, all powerful creator has a definite purpose and plan for the universe. God would never have created the world at all if he had no plan or purpose for doing it, and because God is infinite wisdom, we know that his plan has to be an infinitely wise one. Because God is infinite goodness, we know that his plan purpose in creating the universe was good -absolutely good. It had to be, and it was, will be always. The world was made in order to reflect the beauty and goodness of God. The world is God's work of art. It is his masterpiece. God did not need this world. He who is infinite happiness does not get any increase of joy or perfection from his creation. Creation adds nothing to God's fullness of Being. Only we, his creatures, benefit by creation. Creation is a mystery of infinite generosity. It is an overflow of the divine love. God loves, He cares, He creates, God is love. We are an act of that love-made-flesh. We merely give God external glory and honor. As Saint Irenaeus says so Beautifully: "The Glory of God is the living person, -the person who is fully alive. And our life is the vision of God." In creating his masterpiece, God always works according to his plan. We know how human artist work. They determine what they are going to make, and how they will make it; and then, they do make it. And so we can imagine God, the divine artist, planning from all eternity the purpose of the universe. He plans what he will make and how he will make it. God's loving hand-his divine providence-makes and holds in existence the universe and everything in it. The Spirit of God fills the Church with Joy at the memory of the Great work of our salvation wrought through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God. So Cousin, Rest In Peace, We Will Meet Again....

Gilbert (Doc) Montoya - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Don & the Pope's always made me feel like one of their own. I remember many fun/wild times that I shake my head with a big ol grin. Rest easy & God bless Don

John Gregg - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Don was a great man! He had a great sense of humor. I went to go and visit him with Joe and we all had great laughs. Both joe and I would go and watch Cowboy games with him. He will be truly missed!! Always Tori Gabaldon

Tori Gabaldon - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I only met Don once. Over the last few days I feel that I have an idea who he was. A person can be judged by the company he keeps. Don was a person who loved life, loved his family, and loved his creator. People that identify him by these traits speaks volumes as to the content of his character. I wish I could have gotten to know him here on earth, something tells us, he'll be at the pearly gates on his bike with a softball waiting for the next game. Rest in Peace.

Algird Kapacinskas - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM