



Don Juan Pittman

November 11, 1955 - October 8, 2023

Don Juan Pittman was born November 11, 1955, to the late Ferris Benjamin Pittman and Sadie Jean Bizzle (Bizzell), at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Don was educated in the Oklahoma School System: Garden Oak Elementary School; John F. Kennedy Jr.

High School, and graduated from Capital Hill Senior High School, May 31, 1974. Don also completed the Concho Career Institute, Oklahoma Branch where he completed the Professional Truck Driver Course.

Don was the only child in the house, but his Mother raised him as if there were 6 kids. She didn't want him thinking he could have anything he wanted as an only child. He got his share of spankings/beatings, because when he made up his mind to do something, he did it. He used punishment as time to think of what he would do next. It wasn't a good idea to mess with or threaten him. If he didn't get You then, You could bet he would later. Don's Dad taught him how to drive at age 10. He often said "I wouldn't trade my childhood for nothing".

Don's Parents encouraged him to go to College, (Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK) and Langston University (Langston, OK). They taught him to experience the good and bad in life, so he would know what to do in whatever he faced. They disciplined him to understand that being the only child in the house, didn't mean You could do what You wanted to do. His Mother wanted him to play the piano, but he hated it. He practiced 3 - 4 hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 1 1/2 hours Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Unfortunately, during the same year, June 11, 1965, he was lynched, which caused his attitude to change. His eight-year-old friend died, and the other friend was affected for the rest of his life. His Uncles taught him how to protect himself. From the age of 16, he was always looking for those responsible. Don grew to hate, but learned the importance of love of family, which kept him grounded. He kept this incident to himself, never wanting to talk about it for fear of being manipulated. Don grew up to respect Elders, Seniors; Women (he would never hug another Woman). He never thought he was better than anybody else. He loved helping and giving to people and treasured his Family. He was the Protector of his family. Although he put his heart in everything he did, he held his feelings and pain inside.

Don's employment included the following, Fred Jones Lincoln Mercury Dealership and CMI Corporation as a Supervisor. Don drove his Dump Truck until he went on Disability.

He loved building and working on cars and Street Racing (some with the 405) a.k.a. the Street Creeper. Don was even a Bodybuilder.

In 2009, Don met Errlyndia Gayle, who also shared a love for Family. As their love grew, the Lord guided, directed, protected and blessed their relationship leading to marriage, July 18, 2015. Don was described as the backbone of many, and the Lover of One. Their love for each other was evident, along with their support and partnership. They held true to their marriage vows of love through better or worse (not until they got tired of each other), sickness and health and most of all, only death would keep them apart.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife Errlyndia Gayle-Pittman of Austin, Texas; five adult children: Thomas (Janet) Broiles of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Eva Peteet, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Marshall "JJ" Broiles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Kendall Pittman Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Jason (Kristi) Pittman, Midwest City, Oklahoma; Grandchildren: LaTraye Peteet, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Justin Broiles, Gainesville, Florida; Janelle Broiles, Atlanta, Georgia; Jasmine (Calvin) Ridenour Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Erik (Cheyenne) Maxey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Hailey Maxey, Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma; Jolie Pittman, Midwest City, Oklahoma; Savannah Pittman, Midwest City, Oklahoma; two Great Grandsons: Ripley Archer Moonchild, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Onyx Stafford-Maxey, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two brothers-in-law: James Broiles Jr. (Ethel), Edmond, Oklahoma; and William Broiles; sister-in-law Joyce Broiles-Hill, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; mother-in-law Christine Gayle, Austin, Texas; sister-in-law Charla Gayle, Austin, Texas; Betty Jean Waller (Aunt); play Sister Nehemiah (Donnell) Lindsey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
4301 TANNEHILL LANE
Austin, TX 78721

Celebration Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Don Juan Pittman.* ”



November 02, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Paulette, Denise, Alicia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Juan Pittman.* ”



Paulette, Denise, Alicia - November 02, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *The O'Quin and Gordon Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Juan Pittman.* ”



The O'Quin and Gordon Family - November 02, 2023 at 12:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Juan Pittman.* ”



November 01, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Don Juan Pittman.

October 31, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Juan Pittman.



October 31, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ My prayers are with this family. Don and I grew up on the same street and he was a friend to the whole Hughes's family. He will be greatly missed.

Patricia Russell - October 28, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and many prayers for comfort and love to the Gayle-Pittman Family.
Jacqueline Williams

Jackie Williams - October 25, 2023 at 05:21 PM

JD

“ I am a friend of the family, I met the Pittman's at Greater Mt. Zion during a performance from Mr. Richmond Punch because of Errlyndia and Don my daughter became very aquatinted with Mr. Richmond Punch. He offered he the opportunity to preform in Austin with with him, she did get the opportunity do so because God called her home first. Don was a likeable and happy person full of unique character, Don will be truly missed but God decided that he missed him more and decided to call his child to his eternal home to rest in God's Hands. Errlyndia and I became good friends my Heart goes out to her and the Pittman Family, gone from his sight but not from our Hearts. Don has transition from this life but we will meet again on the other shore.

Jacqueline Davis

Jacqueline Davis - October 24, 2023 at 10:18 PM

KM

“ May God's Peace give the family comfort during this time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.
Kamala Moss McGee

Kamala McGee - October 21, 2023 at 09:55 PM

BR

“ Bro. Pittman was a very nice and helpful man. He will be missed

Brenda Rogers - October 20, 2023 at 10:52 PM

VM

“ A beautiful soul and brother in Christ. May he rest in peace.



Vivian Martin - October 16, 2023 at 11:53 PM

BW

“ My Deepest Sympathy!
Thinking of you! Praying for peace and comfort during this season in Your life.

Betty Williams - October 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CA

Carolyn Arnold
To the Gayle-Pittman family,
Sending love, hugs, peace and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

Carolyn Arnold - October 30, 2023 at 07:42 PM

LR

Pretty amazing. We live in Moore, Oklahoma and only met Don a few years ago. It's amazing because we are related. It was literally at the gravesite of an Aunt who had passed and after the service, Don, Errlyndia and other family members came by my mothers house to visit and Don regaled everyone with so much passion and family history, you just had to marvel at his sense of pride in family. Imagine living that close to his heritage on OKC and not knowing what I had been missing. I say all that just to say that though our time was short, I am forever and eternally grateful that we did meet and get to know each other. Honor and Blessings to the family now and forever more.
Lonzo (Lon) Roland

Lon Roland - November 06, 2023 at 09:35 AM