



## Donald James Huebner

September 10, 1948 - June 16, 2022

Dr. Donald (Don or Donnie) James Huebner was born September 10, 1948, in San Marcos, Texas. He passed June 16, 2022, at the age of 73. His first 5 years were spent in nearby Maxwell where his father, Reginald Huebner, was Pastor at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. In January 1955, Don, along with his mother and two brothers, left Ft. Sam Houston and joined their father in Japan for the first of several military assignments, including Ft Wainwright, Alaska; Ft Hancock, New Jersey; and Ft Sam Houston, Texas. Throughout Don's growing up years, he showed an avid interest in the outdoors, including fishing, hunting, and hiking. Being an accomplished Boy Scout, Don earned Eagle Scout and the coveted God & Country Award. He eagerly joined in the numerous family hobbies, such as rock collecting and coins. He was a prolific lifelong reader, and he was often involved in local election activities in Austin. Throughout his life, Don continued to travel the world, mostly in Europe, as well as Central and South America.

When his sister Diane was born, Don showed the classic love of "big brother" and maintained that affection for her. Don and David went to college at the University of Texas together studying geography and education. From 1972-1986, Don and Dan worked together with their own company, Huebner Construction Company, working on many high-profile homes and projects in Austin. In more recent years, his younger brother, Dan, invested much time and love in helping Don when he developed health problems.

Don received his BS, MA, and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He taught geography for 20 years at both the University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Army and retired as a Major after over 20 years of active and reserve duty.

Don loved adventure and the outdoors and instilled that same passion in his four children-Erik, Daniel, Elise, and Jeff-often taking them along on pursuits, such as camping, hiking, hunting, shooting, fishing, paddling, flying, spelunking, rappelling, off-roading, fossil and rock hunting, and traveling Texas and the Southwest. He had a great love for the Texas Gulf Coast and the Trans-Pecos, as well as New Mexico.

Don loved dogs and took them on many travels and outdoor pursuits. He was very involved in retriever field trials and enjoyed hunting waterfowl, especially with his beloved Labradors, Zeus and Jess. He was also a skilled carpenter and mechanically inclined.

His wit, curiosity, humor, friendly conversation, warmth, intellect, scholarship, friendship, and love will be sorely missed by his family and numerous friends.

Don is survived by his wife, Dr. Jan Allen, children Erik, Daniel, and Elise, and grandsons Aldo and Benjamin. He is also survived by brothers David and Daniel, sister Diane, and first wife, Darlene, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. His youngest son, Jefferson, and his parents predeceased him.

Burial is at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, June 30, 2022, at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Nature Conservancy <https://preserve.nature.org/page/80429/donate/1>

Native Prairies Association of Texas <https://texasprairie.org/donations/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TK

“ We were so sad to hear of Don's passing. We were neighbors many years ago, and our son and Jeff were best buddies during their early years throughout the 90's. Now they are both gone and we were shocked to hear that Don is gone too. We send our sincere condolences to Jan and Elise and other family members and loved ones of Don. May his memory forever be a blessing.

Tammy and Neil Kimmelman - August 09 at 10:13 PM



“ I Didn't Know Donald , But, I Know His Brother Daniel , Danny I'm So Sorry For The Loss Of Donald , You Are In My Thoughts & Prayers At This Time , I'm Sending You All The Love & Hugs In The World , Always Remember, I Love You Very Much , You Have My Heart & Soul Now & Forever Shana 🙏❤️

Shana Locklier - July 20 at 06:20 PM

JP

“ Very sorry to hear about Don's passing, and yes, he was a good guy and a fine university colleague.

Jim Petersen - June 30 at 05:00 PM

TH

“ Did not know him personally, but he was a face book friend and a friend that I respected very much. Will miss him much. Boot To Boot my brother and we shall meet again one day again at the rally point. RIP my friend

Terry L Hilliard - June 30 at 10:02 AM

LC

“ Don and I met in high school in NJ in 1964. We became good friends when we went on a school trip in our senior year to Washington DC. We always looked forward to seeing each other at HS reunions including our most recent in 2018. I miss him already. He was the kindest and smartest man I have ever known.  
Laurie Carpenter

Laurie Carpentet - June 29 at 06:44 PM



“ Don will forever have a place in my heart, mind, and memory for his early and sustained kindnesses when I was a fellow graduate student at UT-Austin. I learned so much from Don, not just about BBQ of course, but how to just be a decent person in a tough context and how to "tough it out" when it came time to do the hard work. Thanks, Don, for being there - for all of us. Eric Perramond (UT-Austin, '94-99)

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**Eric Perramond** - June 29 at 01:29 PM



“ My friend, Don Huebner was an incredible gift of expansive conversation, and friendship, and his sharing of his life experiences, with his energetic determination, was like being able to walk through that journey in his descriptions. I will always cherish that he called me a friend, and my memories of all that his life was, are his great kindness, incredible intellect, compassion, his brilliance, and ability to live fully in the moment.

*I wish him further adventuring of the grandest measure everywhere his spirit shall endeavor to carry him.*

*Don, you shall live on in all you have been, all you have done, and all the lives you enriched so caringly and compassionately.*

*Thank you so much for the gift of your friendship.*

*I am deeply humbled, and so much a better person to have been given that gift from you.*

*Forever your friend.*

*Journey in light.*

*To Don's family and friends:*

*May you all be surrounded in close, compassionate healing, with Don safely in your hearts and memories.*

*Respectfully,*

*Patti Thomas*

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**Patti Thomas** - June 29 at 09:25 AM

DR

“ I met Donnie through his brother, Dan, who I married in 1981. I always enjoyed his calm demeanor and intelligence. While I was employed at UT Austin & Don was teaching, we would have lunch together occasionally. He will be missed and always hold a special place in my heart.

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**Dorene Ray** - June 26 at 11:42 AM

CG

“ Don and I first met in January 1969 when I was assigned to the Fort Hood Field Office 112th Military Intelligence Group. We became friends quickly with Don and Darlene moving across the hall from Shirley and I. After returning to Atlanta, we exchanged visits between Austin and Atlanta many times. I have many memories of our travel to the North Georgia mountains and The Great Smoky Mountains and to many areas in Texas and Mexico. Our friendship lasted for over 50 years, exchanging visits, many phone conversations on updates about our families and of course politics. I saw Don three years ago and talked to him a few weeks ago. He told me he expected recovery. I was very sad when hearing of his passing. Don was a great guy!

*My condolences to Jan and all the family.  
Chris Greenway and Erin Greenway*

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**Chris Greenway** - June 25 at 10:05 AM

FD

“ Don was a caring and unselfish friend. At the Geography Department at Texas State he was ever upbeat and concerned about his students. Don always had a smile and a story: One could not ask for a better colleague.

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**Fred Day** - June 24 at 05:19 PM

DA

“ Don was a quiet man who just went about doing a great job in the classroom and was always available to his students who had a great affection for him. He was a wonderful colleague who made a significant contribution to our department. He really was one of the truly "nice guys."

*Doc Augustin*

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**Doc Augustin** - June 24 at 04:37 PM

JK

“ Don was the model of a passionate geographer and a caring teacher. He was a great addition to our faculty at Texas State and will be sorely missed.

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**Jim Kimmel** - June 24 at 12:59 PM

PH

“ I'm really sorry to learn of Don's passing. I knew Don at UT Austin, and I was lucky enough to have gone fishing with him on the Gulf Coast. A great geographer and all around scholar.

-Paul Hudson

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**Paul Hudson** - June 24 at 07:30 AM



“ Dr. Huebner was my biogeography professor and taught me a lot about fieldwork, geography, computer models, and the natural environment. Always had a big smile on him and was enthusiastic to teach and learn. Was always happy to run into him on campus and around town. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.

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**M Anwar Sounny-Slitine** - June 23 at 12:57 PM

BD

“ Don was one of the good guys, a rare gift to all who knew him. He will be missed.

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**Bill Doolittle** - June 23 at 12:57 PM