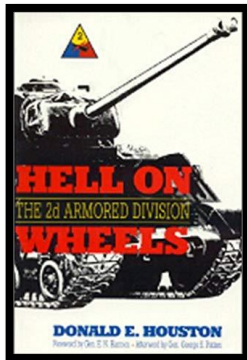


Donald Eugene Houston 1938 - 2020



Donald Eugene Houston, age 81, of Stillwater, passed away Saturday, January 25, 2020. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Strode Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with full military honors will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Ft. Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma. Strode Funeral Home and Cremation is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on February 4, 1938 to Truman Price and Oleta (Absher) Houston.



He received his BS from Midwestern University, and his Master's and Doctorate degrees from Oklahoma State University. Donald was an accomplished man who was an historian, teacher, soldier, and an author. He was a member of Phi Alpha Theta and served in the 14th Field Artillery and the 2nd Armored Division with the United States Army. Later, he became the author of, "Hell on Wheels: 2nd Armored Division". (A history of the division).

He spent his time being engaged within the Stillwater community. He was a volunteer for Stillwater Emergency Management, coached and umpired for Stillwater Park and Recreation; was a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League, Stillwater Ham Radio Club, and the Colusa Lodge No. 240, F & AM in California. He was also a founding sponsor for the National Museum of the U.S. Army. Donald was a member of the American Legion Hanner Sharp Post 129 and had been a Post Commander for VFW Post 2027.



He is preceded in death by his parents and sister.

He is survived by his loving wife, Guyla Bond Houston, his son, Donald Houston, Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Michelle Houston; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Donald's name to the Stillwater Public Library, 1107 S Duck St, Stillwater, OK 74074, or the Stillwater Humane Society, 1710 S Main St, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Houston, himself a veteran of the 2d Armored Division, presents a detailed history of this most prestigious unit in the American army. From the early evolution of armored doctrine, through extensive training maneuvers in the United States, and finally to the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Europe, this path-breaking unit witnessed the development of armored warfare and became one of the most illustrious fighting divisions of World War II. Even more, Hell on Wheels is the story of the men who compiled this distinguished record. The heretofore untold incidents of individual heroism, humor, and tragedy now reveal the human element behind the famed reputation. Published in 1977 as a hard book and in 1995 as a paperback book.

Donald Houston was a member of Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater for 15 years.