



Donald W. Howard

December 29, 1932 - December 24, 2019

Donald W. "Don" Howard, 86, a longtime Businessman and Malaga resident, passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Central Washington Hospital. He was born on December 29, 1932 at Island Grove, Florida, to the late Lonnie and Ruby (White) Howard. He spent his early years growing up in Island Grove, received his elementary, junior high and high school education there. He graduated from Garden Grove High School and following high school, entered the U.S. Navy. He served during the Korean Conflict as a Fireman aboard aircraft carriers at the Sandpoint Naval Air Base on Lake Washington in Seattle. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he made his home in Seattle and worked for Bethlehem Steel. He met and was married to Darlene "Dee" Dickey on June 1, 1963 at Des Moines, Washington. They made their first home together in Kent, later moving to Sumner. In November of 1979, they moved to Wenatchee and settled in Malaga. They opened the 7-Eleven Store on the North End of Wenatchee on December 13th of 1979. Together, they operated their north end store until trading it for the South End 7-Eleven store in 1993. They continued operating their store until retiring in October of 2010. They continued to make their home in Malaga.

Don was a member of the American Legion Post # 10, where he was a Past Commander. He was a member of Wenatchee Aerie # 204 Fraternal Order of Eagles and former member of the Auburn Eagles Lodge. He was also a member of 40 et 8, Appleatchee Saddle Club, the Washington State Horsemen, Wenatchee Valley United States Bowling Congress and the

Boating Club of Wenatchee. He was a Wenatchee Wild season ticket holder, enjoyed operating his Party Barge, his horses and their Chocolate Lab, "Daisy Mae".

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Lonnie & Suzy Howard, Wenatchee; his daughter and son-in-law, Tracie & Wayne Vaughn, Wenatchee; his granddaughter, Megan Lynn Howard, Wenatchee and God-Children, Gene and Lizetta Kelly of Spanaway, Ozzie Reeves, East Wenatchee and Shannon Fadden Davis of Malaga.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #10, 208 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Friends who wish, may make memorial donations in his name to 40et 8 Nursing Training Scholarship Fund through American Legion Post # 10. You are invited to leave a memory on his tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ sure enjoyed knowing Don, he was always so pleasant to be around. miss the times when he was a 7-11 fixture. Don and Darlene are together in heaven now. Lonnie and Susie know that so many people share the joy of knowing Don. so sorry i didnt make it to the memorial. Jack Gregor

Jack Gregor - January 05, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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“ It has been a great pleasure to be a caregiver for Don. I have enjoyed listening to him about his life and getting to know his family. We would go and watch Lonnie ride in the horses games and visit friends at the Legion and Eagles. I would be his ride home 😊 I will miss him. ❤️🙏

Laura Rushing - January 04, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PK

“ So very sorry for your loss. I will miss visiting with Don at the American Legion when we com home to visit.

Patricia Kley - January 02, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ I used to work Don at 7 11 store. I sure I miss him dearly coming into the America Legion and seeing his smile . And he would come up and shake my hand and say Welcome home to my husband and me too. From Steve and Debbie Lowell

Debbie Tidwell- Lowell - January 01, 2020 at 03:12 PM