



## Harold C. Alton

September 3, 1932 - September 12, 2009

Harold was born, September 3, 1932, in Charleston, North Dakota. He moved with his parents, Horace Chester Alton and Ruby Ellen Hastings, to Sandpoint, ID in 1937. When his mother and father divorced, he and his brothers, Joe and Bud, stayed with their father. Harold had two sisters Betty and Dotty who stayed with their mother. Harold had 2 step-brothers, Lewis (Butch) and Eugene Weaver from his mothers second marriage. Harold at 7 years of age began helping out on the family farm milking cows and hauling hay. Although Harold worked and helped with the chores on the farm, he found time to play pranks and get himself into trouble-like the time Harold and his friends decided the school outhouse needed a new location. Loading the hole with wood, they planned to set it on fire. Their plan ended abruptly when the teacher caught them in the act of mischief once again. Their punishment was to clean the outhouse.

Leaving home at the age of 15, Harold stayed with Ira Cave in Plains, Montana and went to work pouring concrete at the county fair grounds. When Harold left Plains, Montana he traveled to Scobey, Montana and worked on a wheat and cattle ranch owned by Mel and Dorothy Thurmen. In 1951, Harold left the ranch and moved to Wenatchee where he initially worked in construction and at various warehouses in area. In 1952, Harold landed his life long career working for ALCOA. He actually worked for ALCOA during its construction until his retirement 41 years later on August 1, 1993. While

working at ALCOA, Harold held two additional jobs: he worked as a bouncer for a local cocktail lounge and drove cattle truck for Slim Gault of Monitor. Harold married his life long friend, Donna Schuller, on July 12, 1952. The two remained in Wenatchee, where they had four children.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents Horace and Ruby and two great grandchildren Anissa Harrington and Cianna Eagle.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his brothers L.V. and wife Sumiko Alton; Joseph and Darlene Alton; two sisters Betty and her husband George Moore; and Dotty and Lorenzo Chavez; Eugene and Lewis Weaver, three daughters Debra Ann and her husband Gary Peters, Linda Jean and Randy Andrews; and Vicky Rena and Greg Stevens; a son Harold and his wife Kathleen Alton; his grandchildren Justin Peters, Jessica Van Lith, Raelynn Andrews, Christina Andrews, Andrea Evans, John Andrews, Nic Stevens, Kami Hines, and Paul Alton; and eleven great grandchildren.

Harold was a man who loved the Lord and his greatest desire was for those he loved to also know the Lord. He took great pride in his family and enjoyed an active life participating in the lives of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, including attending their sporting events, dance recitals and family gatherings.

Harold's friends were also important to him and he met them for breakfast and coffee regularly. We know everyone will miss his quick wit, practical jokes and enthusiasm for life.

Harold's friends and family will gather for a celebration of Harold's life on Friday, September 18, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church on 5th Street. A viewing will be held prior to the service from 9-9:45 at the church and a reception will immediately follow the service.

An additional viewing will be held on Thursday, September 17th at Heritage Memorial Chapel from 3-8:00 p.m. Please sign in or leave a memory for the family online by visiting [www.heritagememorialchapel.com](http://www.heritagememorialchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ Dear Donna, I am so very sorrow of the sudden loss of your beloved Harold. I was so glad to be able to attend his beautiful services today and listen the music and the words of his friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren May we never forget their sweet voices. Harold's voice is silenced but his echo will resound forever.

*We wish you well.*

*Foster & Dorothy*

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**Foster Copeland** - September 18, 2009 at 06:08 AM

MS

“ Dear Donna,Debbie,Linda,Vicky,Harold,& Families,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Harold was a wonderful man and so much fun, he had his ornery streak though. I have so many good memories growing up together. Donna,the love you and Harold had was beautiful. I don't ever remember any cross words when I was around. Both of you were always smiling and so happy to visit. I really miss not seeing Linda over all these years also,time goes by too fast, but the memories always live on. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*We all lost a VERY GOOD MAN !*

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**Mike & Pam Sachs** - September 17, 2009 at 11:37 AM

RC

“ Dear Alton family. I just wanted to say I was sorry to hear about Big Harold passing away. I always had a lot of respect for him and all of you. Donna I have never forgotten when you went to the alter to pray with me when I was a student teacher. Harold I hope all is well with you, it has been a lot of years. Also hope all is well with the Stevens, Andrews and Peters families. God has really blessed me here in Okanogan. I have a wonderful wife and boys 13 and 9 years old that keep me busy. Best wishes to you all.

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**Ron Cate** - September 17, 2009 at 07:18 AM

SD

“ Dear Donna and family,  
Scott and I are so very sorry to hear of Harold's passing. Even tho we haven't spent a large amount of time with you and Harold, when we did we always felt as tho we had been with very special, caring people.  
Our prayers are with you and the family, Love, Scott and Dee

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**Scott and Dee** - September 17, 2009 at 05:27 AM