



Donald Edward Hoffman

April 25, 1930 - December 26, 2016

Don was born and raised in Oregon City where he enjoyed playing basketball in his youth. He would remain an ardent fan of the sport throughout his life. He was a successful entrepreneur, starting several businesses ranging from clothing to specialty meats. The most notable of these enterprises are The Sausage Kitchen, which has been owned and operated by the Alliks of Oregon City for many years; and Grandpa Don's. Grandpa Don's specialized in sausage and pepperoni products which, at one time, enjoyed international distribution.

Don loved the outdoors and was activity oriented. In his early years he enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, fishing, tennis and ping pong. Later in life Don devoted much of his time fishing the high desert lakes of Central Oregon spending his summers in La Pine with his wife, Susan.

Don was a congenial, courteous man with a sharp mind for numbers and a quick wit. He was a loyal friend and family member, and there for many in their time of need. His faith in God deeply guided his life.

Don is survived by his wife Susan; daughters Debra and Janet; grandchildren Adam, Ryan, and David Kraxberger, Colin and Katie Patterson; great grandchildren Colby, Kaden and Kohr Kraxberger, and step-son and daughter-in-law Todd and Debi Hopp. He is preceded in death by his mother, Genevive;

father, Albert; and sister Harriet Kitzmiller. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 656-4285
<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

Reception

JAN 10 (PT)

Tebo's Restaurant
19120 McLoughlin Blvd.
Gladstone, OR 97027
<http://www.tebos.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ Donald Edward Hoffman

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Don was an incredible man; he meant so much to me. Don was my fishing buddy, friend, employer, mentor, father figure, a great man and (a very good ping pong player!). It was always great to be around Don because he had such a positive outlook on life. I remember as a young boy, when he was my step dad, we were fishing Crooked River. The water was too deep and the rocks were too slippery for me to cross, so Don put me on his back and we started crossing. I've got both fly rods in one hand, my other arm is positioned around his neck hanging on, my legs are wrapped around his waist and I'm wearing hip boots. We were almost to the other side when he stepped on a slippery rock losing his balance and both of us collapsed into the water. When we made it to dry land we were so wet and the river was so cold, Don wasn't mad he was laughing like crazy (that's what I loved about the man), he made things fun. Don is one of the reasons why I've been successful as a business owner. He instilled in me how to treat and respect people. Every now and then I find myself doing things in business that will bring up a memory of Don and how I subconsciously do the same thing he did (I think about Don all the time). He played the accordion; when I was young I was impressed how easy Don made it look as he played and joked around, sang a little too! There are so many great memories with Don I will never forget. I learned how to fly fish, how to play ping pong (never could beat him), how to be a better man. I will never forget and always remember that Don made me a better person, "I love him for that".

Jim Isaacson

Jim Isaacson - January 07, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JA

I used to love his spontaneous accordion concerts! As for ping pong, I felt lucky if I could just return one of his "spin" serves!

janet - January 08, 2017 at 11:36 AM

WW

“*Don was one of the greatest men I have met in my life. He was a very generous boss and a true friend. We enjoyed a lot of special moments fishing together and talking about the industry he loved. It has been many years since we have seen each other but I have thought of him often. I'll never forget his funny competitive nature. His compassion for life and people have been seldom matched in my life. Knowing him was one of the greatest treasures I've experienced. I am blessed having shared part of my life with this great human being. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will missed.*

Wayne Warner

Wayne Warner - January 03, 2017 at 09:56 PM