



Donald Sinclair Bourne

January 9, 1925 - May 26, 2013

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Don passed away on Sunday May 26th, 2013. He was 88, born January 9, 1925 in Portland, Oregon to Donald Sr. and Freya (Benedictson) Bourne.

Don and his family moved to Whatcom County when he was a young boy where he attended Bellingham and Meridian schools. He joined the Navy in 1943 and served aboard the USS J. Franklin Bell in the Pacific arena during WWII. Don was discharged in 1946 as a decorated veteran. He went to work at the Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Mill in Bellingham, which later became Georgia Pacific and retired from there in 1984. He was a member of the local VFW and Elk's club. Don was an avid Mariner's baseball fan and enjoyed NASCAR as well.

Don married Barbara Bliss in 1947 and they had a daughter, Jackie. In 1971 he married Shirley Davis.

He is survived by his daughter Jackie Coggins and son-in-law Mike Coggins; brother Ray Bourne and his wife Kathleen; step sons Brad Thomas, Grant Thomas, Wayne Thomas and Bill Davis; numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends a special thanks to his caregiver Jim of Visiting Nurses, the wonderful staff at Shuksan Healthcare Center and Whatcom Hospice.

Farewell Tribute Information

Per Don's request there will be no service. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Humane Society or a charity you hold dear.

Tribute Wall

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“ When I was a little girl, we would sometimes eat dinner at Aunt Ban’s and Uncle Don’s house. My sisters and I were always gleefully weirded out when, for our benefit, Uncle Don would mix the food on his plate together, saying “It all ends up in the same place anyway.” We were convinced this was how he ate every night. Though I hadn’t seen Don in many years, I have many happy memories and he fondly remains to me, Uncle Don.

Barbara Bliss Boucher - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM