



## Donald "Don" Lashua

July 15, 1932 - February 26, 2024

Don Lashua, a native of Bellingham, WA, peacefully passed away on February 26th, 2024.

Don was born in Bellingham on July 15th, 1932, to Ray and Millie Lashua. His roots were firmly planted in Bellingham, where he attended Bellingham High School, graduating in 1950, before embarking on a career managing a glass company.

Among his cherished memories were the times spent camping and fishing with his sons. A true craftsman, Don's passion for woodworking shone through as he and his children handcrafted cedar strip canoes, not only exquisite in their beauty but also providing endless joy during fishing expeditions.

His green thumb extended to gardening, adorning his yard with beauty, especially during the festive seasons, where his knack for holiday decorations brought joy to many.

Renowned for his generosity and helpfulness, Don's diverse interests led him to become a jack of all trades. An avid reader and studious individual, he shared his wealth of knowledge with others, particularly his grandchildren whom he mentored with care and dedication.

Don is survived by his devoted wife, Myrna Lashua, his sons Brad Lashua, Brett Lashua, Jim Lashua (Jenni), his sister Marilyn Hupp, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Don was such an amazing man and mentor. He was involved with the whatcom County Veteran Navigator Program where he provided compassionate care for veterans to access their VA benefits. His capacity to listen and provide resources and encouragement to fellow veterans was admirable. I am so grateful for having known him. My condolences to Myrna and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren- you all were his world.

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**Doris Kent** - May 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Lashua Family.

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**Maria Reid (Prebble)** - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for your service. Enjoyed meeting you when involved with the P-520

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**The Tretter family** - March 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have so much love and respect for Uncle Don. We will miss him so much. He was a dedicated Patriot, mentor and Christ loving Christian. Rest in Peace Uncle Don.

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**Mari Lou Lashua Holland** - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As an Air Force veteran colleague of Don's I enjoyed my later life friendship with him related to the activities of the restored crash .boat P-520. He was a quiet, engaging guy. My condolences to Myrna.*

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**Chuck Fowler** - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM