



Donald F. Wiggins

September 8, 1930 - August 26, 2013

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Dad was born in Anacortes, Washington September 8, 1930 where he and his brothers were raised. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served during the Korean War as an aircraft mechanic. After honorable discharge from the military, he returned to the Pacific Northwest.

He married Mary Jeanette Paull and here they raised their family. He was an auto mechanic-extraordinaire by trade and owned and operated D & D Automotive until his retirement. His skills are legend.

When he married Dorothy Ferguson, his family grew to include her kids and their kids. He was "Dad" and "Grandpa" to many.

His hobbies included fishing, boating, RV-ing, and road trips with Dorothy that lasted weeks at a time. He had many amazing talents and abilities. An industrious man, he was always busy; tinkering, repairing, improving, inventing, plant-tending (known for his indoor citrus trees that always bore edible fruit) He was gentle, kind, funny, sweet, patient, true, honest, hardworking, loyal and very cute! He was a cancer survivor.

After Dorothy passed away in 2008, Dad found companionship with a recently

widowed friend, Jolene Lagerwey., They discovered, after a time, you are never too old to find love, and the two became engaged in 2010. Dads family grew again to include Jolene's kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids (each time his family grew, he found new victims for his jokes). He loved life and the simple joys it had to offer, especially a good banana cream pie. This sweet, good man will be missed by so many.

Donald F. Wiggins is survived by: Valerie "Kim" (Jen) Wiggins, Melinda "Mindy" (John) Jackson, Forrest (Susan) Paull, Jody (Martin) Johnson, Mary "Snook" (Fred) Valente, Sandy Ferguson, Blake (Teri) Ferguson, Bruce (Sharon) Ferguson, 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and fiancée, Jolene.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, William "Bill" and Edith Wiggins, brothers Bill Wiggins Jr., and Jack Wiggins, and second wife, Dorothy Wiggins.

Farewell Tribute Information

Memorial services for Donald F. Wiggins will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellingham, On Friday, September 6th , from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Graveside services, with military honors, will follow at 1:00 P.M. at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale, WA 98248

Tribute Wall

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“ *Don was one of my favorite uncles, I remember him smoking his pipe, staying over on week-ends he was always nice to me, I will miss him a lot*

Randall Van Loock - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *From your first born daughter..I will love you always in my heart full of memories. Thirty some years not shared but your last five years very blessed to have you back in my life. I just relized your memorial service is on your great grandson's (Evan's) 11th birthday. You sweet, Dad" will be missed always.*

Mindy Jackson - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“Dad made childhood full of joy. My earliest memories were the early mornings when Dad would be getting ready to go to work. I'd run in his bedroom where he'd be saying goodbye to Mom. The air smelled of Old Spice. I'd look at his face n throat to check for shaving cuts, then run to the restroom for toilet paper. I'd then return to the bedroom, toilet paper in hand. It was to be applied as tiny, torn pieces to his sweet, wonderful smelling face and neck! In those days, we kids would kiss his cheeks, Dad would always pop in cheek in and out at us. Many times I remember grabbing Dad's long legs at the knees in a hug and looking way, way up at him. I always loved going to Dad's work. It was exciting yo see him wearing hus long, blue mechanic cover-alls. There was alwsys a hand towel in his pocket, and at least a wrench. Dad was adorable. He was strong and quiet. He had a made up mind about things. What a kind and gentle person he was. So many memories and do much to be grateful about. I know, we girls thought our Dad was the most handsome ever. He had such great work ethics, and was do reliable. He wasn't a silly man, but had a quick, wry wit. There will only be one Don Wiggins. God made us individual's, and he was a trully good one.

Mary Valente - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM