



## Donald Ayers

March 25, 1928 - November 2, 2010

Donald W. Ayers, 82, of Philomath died Nov. 2, 2010, at home.

Don was born March 25, 1928, in Weldon, Ill., to Willis and Anna Ayers. Don was the ninth of 12 children. He was preceded in death by his siblings.

Don married Patricia Smith on Aug. 6, 1947. They had two children, Pam Venell and Rod Ayers.

Don joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951. He was an Air Force Airplane Mechanic for 20 years, and retired in 1971 as a Master Sergeant from Nellis Air Force Base. He, Patricia and his family then moved to Philomath, and he worked for the City of Corvallis in the wastewater management area.

Don loved gardening, woodworking, camping and spending time with his friends, family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ayers; daughter Pam and husband Larry Venell of Corvallis; son Rod Ayers of Philomath; grandson Chris and wife Stephanie Venell of Corvallis; grandson John Venell of Corvallis; granddaughter Tonya Ayers and husband Aaron of Beaverton; and great-granddaughters Klair, Dally Jo and Kate Venell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Benton Hospice Service or your charity of choice in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

A viewing and funeral service for family and friends is planned for today at McHenry Funeral Home, with visitation at 9 a.m., funeral service at 10 a.m., and a military-honors graveside service to follow at Mt. Union Cemetery in Philomath.