



Donald F Burger

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Don slipped away peacefully at age 89 in Corvallis. He battled cancer to the very last with grace, dignity and a big heart.

Don was born in Tuxedo Park, New York to Arthur and Grace Fanning Burger. He grew up in Concord, Massachusetts and received his BA at Boston College. He served as a pilot in the US Air Force from 1953-55, then received his BS from the University of Oregon where he met Jean Miller. They married in 1956 and had four children. In 1979 he married Gladys Plemmons. Although divorced, he remained close friends with both Jean and Gladys throughout their lives.

Don worked as a Utilities Electrician for the City of Corvallis until he retired in 1990. In retirement, he volunteered as a driver for Dial-A-Bus and helped kids learn to read with the SMART program. He received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 for his volunteer service. He loved camping, fishing and canoeing with his kids in younger days; he also loved playing guitar, singing folksongs, and meeting with his neighbors and friends at the Chintimini Senior Center.

Don is survived by his daughters, Alison Schoepp and Ann Burger of Portland, and his son Robert Burger of Corvallis; three grandsons Devon Streed of St Helens, and Henry and Sam Schoepp of Portland; and his brother, Jack

Burger of Sparkill, New York. His son John Burger predeceased him 2003, as did his first wife Jean in 2005, and his second wife Gladys in 2014. At Don's request there will be no memorial service.

Cemetery Details

Bethany Memorial Cemetery

34721 Church Road
Warren, OR 97053

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I jus find out that He died. I knew Don, when just retired from his utility company. I was very impressed by his openness and caring nature. His loved for his children was always intertwined in his sharing of family and community. I used to live close by on 23rd street. I walk around the neighborhood and he did the same. I met his ex-wife Gladys and his son who was staying with him. He was one part of the core drivers of volunteer drivers when DAB was operating only volunteer drivers. I have found memories if him. May you be comforted as you mourn his death. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

env - January 27, 2020 at 12:17 AM

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“ Don was a special friend to us. We loved the stories he shared about his life experience. He was a strongly positive person, affectionate, funny and generous to his family, friends and neighbors. All of us who knew him will greatly miss his optimistic outlook and the time he shared with us. Our deepest sympathy to the family he loved

Jeff and Betsy McNutt

Jeff and Betsy McNutt - December 16, 2019 at 11:30 PM

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“ I met Don at the Senior Center Meals operation. His company was always a welcome feature for me. His death will leave a big void.
Norris Smith

Norris Smith - December 16, 2019 at 04:29 PM

KC

“ *Don was a very affable man with many good stories to tell. I am sorry to hear of his passing and send my condolences to his family.*
Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell - December 14, 2019 at 11:20 AM