



## Donald Lee

June 11, 1943 - May 20, 2012

Donald "Donnie" Lee May, formerly of Alsea, died Sunday at his home in Vancouver, Wash., after a short illness. He was 68.

Donnie was born in Salem to Allen Leslie May and Helen Wright May. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1961 and entered the U.S. Navy. He was honorably discharged in 1963.

On May 26, 1979, he married Kathi Bedell in Reno, Nev.

He worked on his father's farm as a young man, and learned many of the skills that he used throughout his life. He was a mechanic, long-haul truck driver and school maintenance man; he retired in 2006 from Veterinary Services, Inc.

His greatest joy came from helping others. If you needed help with anything, he was always there. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with friends and family. His favorite books were Westerns; he read every book written by Louis L'Amour. He also spent many contented hours tinkering on older vehicles.

He is survived by his wife, Kathi; daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Wade Greenwood of McMinnville; his sisters Judy Funk of McMinnville, Kris Hahn of Hawaii, and Leslie Birrenkott of Aurora; grandson Mark Greenwood of McMinnville; granddaughter Lorelei Greenwood of Keizer; four great-grandchildren; and nephew Nicholas Funk and his wife, Tiffany, of San Diego, Calif.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at Alsea

Cemetery, with potluck at Hope Grange Hall in Alsea following. Memorials can be made to Benton Hospice Service or Hope Grange in care of McHenry Funeral Home.