



Donald J. Miller

August 11, 1926 - December 26, 2017

Donald J. Miller, 91, of Corvallis died Tuesday.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ My sympathies to Don's family. As a johnny-come-lately to Corvallis, I first met Don in 1998 at the Forest Products Department. Shortly thereafter he chose to retire (I'd like to think the two events are not related). In the mid-1990s he and Ted Scheffer invited me to join them for a weekly lunch seance. That has been active, with various walk-in participants, until about a month ago. We found we had many interests in common; such wide-ranging topics as Oregon history, gardening, and the like. Occasionally we even talked shop. What a friendly, quiet, interesting guy! But the most interesting comment goes to Ted Scheffer (now deceased) who said "Don, I know you are never going to finish that boat." And he never did.

Bob Ethington - January 01, 2018 at 12:03 AM

CB

“ Don was a great man, a true friend and a great neighbor. We have been neighbors for over 25 years. He was always there to help if needed. We shared a lot of good chats. Just about every day for the last few years. He was always concerned about others. He always was concerned about the wife being outside and over working. Especially during the summer. A very caring man. He was proud of his children. He talked about them often during our visits. He will be missed dearly. Was proud and honored to be his friend and neighbor.

Howard and Clarice Brown, neighbors

Clarice and howard brown - December 29, 2017 at 09:41 PM

MP

“ In my world, Don was my hero! Back in 1988, Don saved my dog Chester's life by educating me on Salmon Poison. Knowing how Klaus and I fished often, he shared an article with me about the disease which a couple of months later turned out to save our dogs life. A common question while passing Don in hallways at the FRL, in his "Don" voice was... "Hello Maureen, h-o-w's Chester?" He was such a thoughtful and caring man and that is why I am so saddened by his passing. Since returning to Corvallis in 2000, I would see Don frequently walking the Homestead loop in McDonald forest. A common question to me after that was, "Hello Maureen, h-o-w's Nick?" Nick being our new dog. These later years I would see Don at the Old World Deli or the New Morning Bakery. Each time he would leave a smile on my face. Don had an impact on my life both professionally and personally and I will deeply miss him. Going to the Old World Deli on Tuesdays for lunch will have different meaning now. My deepest condolences to his family and friends and to say how lucky you are to have had such a wonder man in your life. --Maureen Puettmann, Corvallis, OR

Maureen Puettmann - December 29, 2017 at 03:24 PM

EH

“ Condolences from the Wood Science and Engineering family. Just earlier this year I saw Don with other Emeritus faculty members at Old World Deli. While his retirement preceded me joining OSU, positive memories often surfaced among WSE faculty discussions.

Eric Hansen, Wood Science & Engineering

Eric Hansen - December 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ I was saddened to learn about Don's passing- I worked with him for almost 20 years at FRL. Don was one of the first people I worked with and he was among the most patient. I was young and impatient- Don helped buffer that. It seems less important now- but Don was also a fixture at morning coffee. At the time, this was a ritual. Don would often tell jokes in his laconic way- sometime so subtly that it took a second for everyone to catch on. Although he has been retired for a long time- I still enjoyed running into him around town and I know that he will be missed at the Old World deli.

Jeff Morrell, Wood Science & Engineering

Jeff Morrell - December 28, 2017 at 11:38 PM

CB

Don was a great man, friend and neighbor. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor and honesty. We were neighbors for over 25 years. He always was willing to assist you in anything you were doing. He always looked out for you. He would- always tell my wife it was time to go now because it was to warm. He loved his children and was proud of them and their accomplishments. I will miss visiting him daily and conversations with him. Howard and Clarice Brown

C and h brown - December 29, 2017 at 07:12 PM