



Donald Pellett

December 21, 1928 - July 21, 2011

Don was born Dec. 21, 1928, to Joseph N. and Lucy McKnight Pellett in Yelm, Wash.

He moved to Kelso, Wash., as a young child, and attended school there. After his schooling was completed, he joined the U.S. Army and was sent to fight in the Korean War. Soon after returning home from Korea, he married Rosetta M. "Peg" Merrill, with whom he had four children. The family moved to Alsea in 1958, where Don has resided ever since.

Don worked mostly as a logger. He started out working on steam donkeys, where he was a head loader, hook tender and high climber. In later years, he ran shovel and yarder for several local logging companies. He was also the owner/operator of Westside Waterways.

Don enjoyed hunting deer and elk, and clamming, crabbing and fishing. He also enjoyed an occasional trip to Reno, Nev. He really loved playing practical jokes, and had a sometimes well-hidden very big, soft heart.

Don is survived by his very special friend and loving companion, Helen Butler of Alsea; brother, Jack Pellett of Alsea; sister, Mary McCoy of Kelso; daughter, Sherry Ulin (Bill) of Rainier; daughter, Becky Mitchell (Bob) of Sweet Home; sons Dennis of Longview, Wash., and Brett of Sweet Home; six grandchildren, Steve, Jim Bob (Bobber) and Tami Ulin, Tim and Stephanie (McCluskey) Mitchell, and Cody Pellett; and 11 great-grandchildren, Samone, Savannah, Sydney, Alyssa, Jestin, Reece, Chloe, Devin, Aiden, Hannah and David.

Visitation is set for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at McHenry Funeral

Home. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Hope Grange in Alsea, with burial following at Alsea Cemetery.