



Donald W. Powell

February 22, 1935 - August 27, 2018

Donald Willis Powell of Corvallis, Oregon passed away at Conifer House on August 27th, 2018.

Donald was born an only child to Lee Alexander Powell and Garland Schmidt Powell on February 22, 1935 in Corvallis, Oregon. His parents were both teachers. When he was young he lived in several cities around the state of Oregon. They finally settled back in Corvallis after the death of his grandfather. Don graduated from Corvallis High School in 1953, where he played football and basketball, and Oregon State College in 1958 with a degree in Landscape Architecture. He spent a 6 month stint in the army in 57/58 and several years in reserves. Upon graduation, Don and 2 of his buddies opened a nursery and landscape business in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Don married Sandra Jean Nichols on August 5, 1961 in Gig Harbor.

In 1962 Don and Sandra moved to Corvallis to assist in the operation of Garland Nursery, then owned by his mother. Don brought his talents to the business. He did landscape design, eventually employing several designers. This increased into a landscape construction business. Don and Sandra worked side by side for 50 years running Garland Nursery.

Over the years, Don served his community and industry as a member of the Benton County Parks Commission, a member of the Corvallis Association of Homebuilders, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis, President of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, and President of the Retail

Chapter of the OAN. In addition, he was part of the original committee to start the Oregon Garden in Silverton, OR and a founder of Northwest Nursery Buyers Association.

Don is survived by his wife, Sandra, son Lee Allen Powell (Linda), two daughters: Brenda Powell (Mitch Brown) and Erica Powell Kaminskas (Jim), and two granddaughters Madeline (Taylor Doolen) and Cali.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, September 4th at 3pm at Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lumina Hospice or Heartland Humane Society, c/o McHenry Funeral Home: 206 NW 5th St. Corvallis, OR 97330.

Please leave your thoughts and condolences at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 4. 3:00 PM (PT)

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
333 NW 35th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Sandy, Brenda, and Family - Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Don. It's a heartbreaking time, but I hope you can take some comfort from all his accomplishments including your enchantingly beautiful nursery and his having helped start the Oregon Garden - a spectacular achievement enjoyed by us all. Pam Stephens*

Pam Stephens - September 01, 2018 at 04:38 PM

PL

“ *Patricia Loveland lit a candle in memory of Donald W. Powell*



Patricia Loveland - August 31, 2018 at 01:57 PM

CE

“ *It was always a pleasure to run into Don at Garland and have a little chat. Our condolences to all the family and friends. Charlie Eads & the KGAL/KSHO Staff*

Charlie Eads - August 30, 2018 at 06:52 PM

DB

“ To Sandy and Family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of Don. I know what it's like to lose one's spouse or family member. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Darrel Bibler

Darrel Bibler - August 30, 2018 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ Sandy, praying for strength & comfort during this difficult time for you and the family.

Ernie & Dixie Green

Dixie Green - August 29, 2018 at 04:31 PM

PF

“ He will be missed.. I picture Don up in Heaven redesigning all the gardens! Prayers to the Powell family ..Peggy Fuller

peggy fuller - August 28, 2018 at 07:40 PM