



## Donald Randall

March 23, 1927 - March 8, 2008

Donald Wesley Randall, 80, of Albany, Oregon, a retired Monroe area dairy farmer, passed away March 8, 2008 at Timberwood Court in Albany after living with Parkinson's disease for a few years. Don was born Mar. 23, 1927 in Eyota, MN to Wesley and Betty Randall. He graduated from high school in Lewiston, MN in 1945. He farmed with his parents in Lewiston MN on the Wes-B-Don dairy farm. In 1953 he married Joyce Parten, a Home Economics agent from Hastings, MN and they began their life together as dairy farmers. After being drafted into the US Army in 1955, they lived in Boston, MA until 1957. After his discharge they moved to Coburg, OR and then to Mackenzie, OR to dairy. Later in 1962 they moved to Bellfountain, OR where they bought a farm, Melody Hills Dairy Farm, and raised their three daughters. Dairy farming was Don's life. He loved every aspect of it, including involving his daughters in some of the farm work. He took great pride in his work. They enjoyed several trips back to Minnesota to keep in touch with family over the years, also getting away to the Oregon coast and once back to Boston. They were active members in the First Baptist Church in Corvallis, OR where Don served as a Deacon and sat on the Finance Committee. His wife passed away in 1974. He participated on the school boards of Bellfountain Elementary and Monroe High School as well as having involvement in the Oregon Dairy Council and the Dairy Farmers of Oregon where he served on the Oregon Dairy Products Commission from 1974-1976. Don married Zell Mayo of Dayville, OR in 1979 and together they continued to operate the dairy. They

had great joy traveling around in their motor home, back to Minnesota, Missouri, and the New England states. Their 8 grandchildren grew up visiting the farm and have many warm memories with Grandpa and Grandma. In 1981, their life on the farm included Don's eldest daughter, Donita, coming back home for several years to rehab after a car accident left her with a head injury. After many wonderful years on the farm, they sold it in 2005 and moved to Albany, OR. Don is survived by his wife, Zell; daughter, Donita Randall, of Salem; daughter, Deanna Texeira, and husband George, of Lodi, CA; daughter, Danise Breederland, and husband Peter of Aldergrove, Canada; step-son, Jim Mayo, and wife Judi, of Springfield, OR; step-daughters, Jan Mathers, and husband Steve of Bend, OR and Patty Martin and husband Dan of Portland, OR; two grandsons, Levi and Tyson Breederland, one granddaughter, Mehala Breederland, three step-grandsons, Brock Mayo, Tyler and Landon Mathers and two step-granddaughters, Jennifer Mayo and Katie Driscoll. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Joyce, and an infant son, Scott. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Oregon Health & Science University in care of: McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St. Corvallis, Oregon 97330. A memorial service will be held McHenry Funeral Home at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 18th.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Zell, Donita, Deanna and Neesey, My thoughts are with you today. I wish I could be there. Your Dad and husband was a great person. I'll always remember his smile and laugh, and those big black farm boots he wore around the dairy. Love to all of you, Laura

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**Laura (Taddeucci) Casdia** - March 18, 2008 at 09:22 AM

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“ To Donita, Deanana, Danise, Zel and all of the members of the Don Randall family , You have all meant so much to me and my family. I have so many fond memories of days that I have spent with you as a neighbor and a friend. Memories go back to the first day that Donita came to start school at Bellfountain Elementary , to many days playing together on the farms and in the fields between, to church and school events, to Donita's 50th and Don's 80th Birthday Party last year. Donita has been a very important part of my life and so has her family. I was very sorry to hear of Don's passing, but so glad to know that he no longer suffers the difficulties of this earth but can feel the glorious healing of or Lord as he meets Him in Heaven. " When we all get to Heaven What A Day Of Rejoicing That Will Be" Love in Christ Carmen, Mark Lowrie and Family

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**Carmen Lowrie** - March 17, 2008 at 07:53 PM

DJ

“ To our West Coast family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Wish we could be there!  
Love Dan & Meredith

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**Daniel De Jong** - March 15, 2008 at 10:18 PM

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“ Dear Denise and family, I was sorry to hear of Don's passing, but know that he is with the Lord in glory. He had a good life and raised a wonderful family. We are all richer for having known him and you. May God bless you and give you comfort and peace. In the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Lillian Smith

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**Lillian Smith** - March 15, 2008 at 11:55 AM