



## Donald K. Alderman

July 30, 1925 - August 29, 2015

Don Alderman has left us and went to join his wife, Shirley on the afternoon of August 29, 2015. He was born to Irving and Pearl Alderman on July 30, 1925 in the town of Bruce, South Dakota.

He lived part of his young life in several communities in the state of South Dakota. As a small child when he went to school, he rode on a wagon school bus pulled by a team of horses. But, by the time he was 10 years old, he was driving a big truck working in tandem with his father. He drove in several different states.

As a 17 year old youth he signed up for the Navy. He became part of crew of a sea-going tug in WW II. That ship worked repairing small ships that had been damaged and hauled barges of supplies to other ships.

While he was in Seattle prior to going overseas Don met the love of his life. Shirley drove a jitney on the pier and took items and people to ships that were tied to the pier. After the war Shirley and Don were married on March 13, 1946. Don went to work for a power company and learned how to climb high poles and worked on the wires. After time, he changed jobs and went to work for the telephone company, first a small one then on to General Telephone later changing names to Verizon. He like being a telephone man and the chance to meet people and help them the phone fixed.

Don was a 50 year member as a Master Mason of the Free and Accepted Masons of WA and the Order of Amaranth. He was very active in both organizations. He also was Volunteer Fireman in the Cashmere Fire

department for 38 years. He was a life member of the American Legion. He served as commander and was active in their projects. Most recently, bingo, the corn booth at the Chelan County Fair, coffee stops, and helping with the cub & boys scouts breakfasts. Don also took part in the Food Bank too. In 2014, Don participated in the Inland Empire Honor Flight to Washington DC. Winter time found him clearing snow for several members of the community. Don was an avid hunter and fisherman. Don and his children enjoyed hunting and fishing together. Don and Shirley were also campers first with tents and then with trailers. They both loved to fish and also eat them.

Dad just loved being outside and simply enjoyed the out of doors.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Irvin and Pearl; and his wife, Shirley. Don is survived by his sons, Richard (Pat), Lloyd, and daughter Debbie. There are also 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 2 step-great grandchildren.

Services are pending. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones and Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Masonic Center  
811 N Chelan Ave  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Dad was always so very good to my parents, snowplowing their driveway every winter with his typical enthusiasm and generous attitude. I only knew him, really, in recent years. My sincere sympathies. Ann Coulthard*

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**Ann Coulthard** - September 02, 2015 at 05:55 PM

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*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Don. His time here was well spent doing things for others. I worked with Don, when he and I were transferred to Cd'A (with GTE), back in 1982. I loved him like a Father, and he called me Son. We went on camping trips, and just had great times together. Thank you for your Service to our Country, and may you Rest in Peace, Amen.*

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**Jim Hopkins** - September 08, 2015 at 10:49 AM