



Donald A. Bolstad

December 16, 1936 - June 19, 2013

Donald A. Bolstad, 76, of Wenatchee, passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

He was a Wenatchee resident for nine years and he worked on the Aerospace Wing Design Team on the Super Sonic Transport at Boeing in Seattle and in 1972 he went to work for Lockheed martin Space Shuttle Program in New Orleans, Louisiana as a Technical Achievement Manager for the external tank of the Space Shuttle, retiring in 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Iris Bolstad of Wenatchee; his two sons, Ted Bolstad of Reno, Nevada and Dan Bolstad of Seattle, WA.; his one brother, Phil Bolstad of Prescott, Arizona.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in July at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church. Service to be announced.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a gentleman and great member of the Pontchartrain Basin Fly Fishing Club in south Louisiana before he moved back to Washington. He was always ready to chip in and help with educational and other activities. His work here at the annual USFWS Wild Things event for kids led him to start similar events in Washington. Done loved to go chase redfish and speckled trout wading the flats at Lacombe and the surf at Grand Isle and fishing the ponds in Plaquemines parish out of his trusty Old Town Loon with the reflecting tape on the side.

Don was a real live Rocket Scientist, a metallurgist for Lockheed Martin who was instrumental in formulating a lithium alloy to construct the later generation of fuel tanks. Because the lighter tank allowed the shuttle to carry significantly more payload we got a lot more bang for our bucks from that program. Don received a NOVA award from the Smithsonian Institute for that accomplishment. While he has not been with us in Louisiana for a while, he will be sorely missed.

Colin & Celia McCormick and the PBFFC

Colin - July 25, 2013 at 10:05 PM

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“ Iris, my condolences to you and your family. I know you saw Mel at the Thursday luncheon at Smittys, I think you went to school with him.

Sue Duvaul - June 27, 2013 at 03:28 PM