



## Donald Hagen

June 29, 1927 - April 9, 2019

Donald "Don" Hagen, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at age 91 in Wenatchee, WA, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Don was born June 29, 1927 in Seattle, WA to Engward and Jeannette Hagen (Rozycki). As a young man, Don loved the mountains and horses and enjoyed hiking and trail riding in the Olympic and Cascade ranges. One of his best memories was setting off to ride his beloved horse, Gypsy, from WA to Mexico. As a teen, Don worked for the State Division of Forestry and the WA Forest Fire Association and joined the WA State Guard.

He had a long and successful career in the military, beginning with the U.S. Army from 1946-1947 and the U.S. Army Reserve from 1949-1962, earning his Associate's degree in between. In the Army, he was a Drill Instructor, Explosives Expert, and like his father, a Supply Sergeant. Don was also a Master Mate in the U.S. Army's Navy and joined the Army Security Group, leading a voice intercept team.

Don joined the Seattle Police Department in 1951, serving for almost 30 years. He worked at the King County Jail and later commanding the SPD Harbor Patrol, providing marine law enforcement, dive missions and rescues until his retirement. Fun Fact: Don's SPD Serial # was 1297 and today's Serial #s begin in the 9000s!

In 1965, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve offered Don a Lieutenant JG Commission. He became Commanding Officer of the Seattle RCC unit in 1975, Cutter Augmentation in 1976 and the General Purpose Commander of Reserve Group Supply Center Seattle in 1978. In 1981, Don received promotion to Deputy Group Commander of the Reserve Group 13th District and then in 1982 became the Commanding Officer of the Port Angeles Unit. In 1984 he was named Group Commander of Group Oregon Coast and finally in 1987, Group Commander of Reserve Group Puget Sound. He loved being at sea, serving on the USCGCs Boutwell, Campbell, Fir, Firebush, Mellon and Monroe.

From 1979 to 1986, Don played an integral role in the Coast Guard Seafair Crew first

acting as the Reserve's liaison from 1970-1976, Deputy Patrol Commander 1977-1978 and Patrol Commander from 1979-1986. Don led Reserve Recruiting in Seattle from 1982-1987 being, as his Commandant said, the major reason for the unit's growth, leading the nation in achieving goals and winning the Waesche Award for the unit most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard military force as demonstrated by its effective use and support of the Reserve Component.

Don retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in March 1987 as a Captain and from the Seattle Police Department in March 1980 as a Sergeant. Serving his country was his passion and his patriotism was well known to friends and family alike. His office is lined with photos from his military and police careers, commendations and sea-related memorabilia.

Don married Ann Lillian Kopp on October 8, 1955. Together, Don and Ann raised daughters Susan, Cathy and Paula. In addition to being a beloved husband, dad and grandpa, he was a talented artist. Leather working, painting, rock hounding, gold panning, lapidary work, and model ship building were just some of his passions. He made hundreds of trips to various spots in the West to collect different rocks that he would then cut and polish. Family and friends appreciated him for his kindness, generosity, passion for life, quick smile, sense of humor and, much to his family's chagrin, love of Polka music.

Don was preceded in death by father, Engward, mother Jeannette, stepmother Wilma and brother Edward. He is survived by his wife Ann, children Susan Hagen, Cathy and husband Rick Meuret, Paula and husband Scott Aikins, grandson Tyler Meuret and wife Kendra Helseth, sister Priscilla and husband Bob Mitchell, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 PM, Jones and Jones-Betts, Wenatchee. A graveside service with military honors will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th Street, Kent WA on April 19 at 9:00 a.m. A memorial mass and gathering will be held at a later date in Mountlake Terrace, WA. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Don's name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 6:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
302 9th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-1561  
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

## Graveside

APR 19. 9:30 AM (PT)

Tahoma National Cemetery  
18600 SE 240th  
Kent, WA 98042

# Tribute Wall

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**Paula Hagen** - April 15, 2019 at 11:58 AM