



Donald Neil Elliston

April 24, 1932 - January 14, 2011

Donald N. Elliston, 78, passed away January 14, 2011, in Wenatchee, after a short battle with cancer. He was a 50 year Wenatchee resident. Don was born to Thomas and Esther (Downing) Elliston on April 24, 1932, in Canyon, TX. As a child, the family moved to Wallace, ID, where he was raised and attended school. Don graduated from Wallace High School in 1950. He was active in high school sports and Captain of the football team. Don went on to attend the University of Montana and received his degree in Pharmacy. The degree was one of the first five-year programs in Pharmacy in the nation. He belonged to Sigma Nu Fraternity, Kappa Phi, (Pharmacy Fraternity) and the American Pharmaceutical Association. He remained a lifetime Grizzlies fan. He met his wife, Catharine Hurd, at a hospital in Great Falls, MT, where Don worked as a young Pharmacist. They were married at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls, MT on November 26, 1955, and made their first home in Spokane, WA. From there, they moved to Reno, NV. He worked for professional pharmacies, hospital pharmacies and for the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company. On January 1, 1961, they moved to Wenatchee, where he joined the Wenatchee Clinic Pharmacy. Don became a partner at the pharmacy and spent 37 years there before retiring in 1997. He was a past President of the Chelan-Douglas County Pharmaceutical Association, member of Washington State Pharmaceutical Association and National Association of Retail Druggists. Don was a charter member of Wenatchee Swim and Tennis Club (WRAC) and Wenatchee North Rotary. In his year as President for Wenatchee North

Rotary, he started the annual North Central Washington Sports Awards banquet. In 40 years, he never missed one. He was also recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He volunteered for many Rotary projects over the years and exemplified Rotary's best-known motto: "Service above Self." Don also belonged to Grace Lutheran Church and Wenatchee Fraternal Order of Eagles #204. Don was an avid collector of antique pharmacy items. He donated his lifelong collection to the museum in Cashmere and his pieces may still be seen there in the Pioneer Village. Don enjoyed spending his leisure time at his Lake Chelan cabin. He loved fishing, boating, and being with his wife, children and grandchildren. He had many happy years at Lake Chelan and made countless memories with his family. He had also belonged to Lake Chelan Yacht Club. Don enjoyed a lifetime of watching both college and professional football. He was able to attend many Seahawks games in person as a long-time season ticket holder. He even named his boat "The Seahawk." For those who knew Don, he will be remembered as a kind, fair, hard-working, honest man, with a witty sense of humor that kept us laughing all the way to the end. He kept in contact with many employees and was proud to have worked beside a number of great pharmacists over the years. He was honored to be a part of the Wenatchee Valley Clinic family.

He is survived by three children, Jean (Daniel) Logsdon, Scott Elliston and Donna "Gen" Derrick, all of Wenatchee; three grandchildren, Jessica "J.C." (Vernon) Varga, Shawn Derrick and Andrew Stufflebeam; and one great-grandson, Derrick Varga; as well as extended family and his dog, "Orca." He was preceded in death by wife, Cathie, in 2009; and his mother and father.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2011, at the Grace Lutheran Church on Washington Street in Wenatchee. Private Interment will be held at Wenatchee City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Wenatchee North Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2722, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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