



Donald Evenhus

April 9, 1934 - December 24, 2022

Donald C. Evenhus, 88, a long time East Wenatchee resident, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2022, following a brief illness. He was surrounded by his wife and family.

He was born on April 9, 1934, to Casper and Olaus (Hall) Evenhus in Maddock, North Dakota. He worked his way out west, eventually settling in Wenatchee, WA, where he married his wife, Alice Spidahl, on September 4, 1954. Together they raised five children, Lana, Leslie, LaNita, Donna and Trina. His first job in Wenatchee was as a bellhop at the Columbia Hotel. Soon after he began his 34-year career at Friday Pack which ultimately became Keyes Fibre, beginning as a tray sorter and working his way to the head of Maintenance and Production, playing an integral part of the Wenatchee plant operations.

Volunteering his time to his neighbors and his community was always important to him. He spent the late 50s to the early 60s as a DCD2 volunteer firefighter. He dedicated many years to the Great Wenatchee Girls Softball, Women's Softball and Little League baseball. He served as a coach and mentor to many as well as assisting with the upkeep of the many fields for games and tournaments. He volunteered with the Keyes Fibre Youth Parade for many years and as a result of his dedication to Keyes Fibre a yearly scholarship is awarded in his name. He was very passionate, donating blood

to the Red Cross for a total of 97 times.

He became a member of Grace Lutheran Church in 1962 and spent countless hours serving as an usher and as a member of the building and grounds committee. He was a member of the Eagles for 55 years and enjoyed bowling on many different leagues throughout his life.

He was an avid sportsman, loving golfing, bowling, fishing and hunting. He kept in shape by beginning each morning with a run, be it rain, snow or sunshine, and then pumping his weights. He enjoyed competing in the Ridge to River races during Apple Blossom, as well as completing many 5 and 10 K races. Upon retirement, he kept busy turning his acre of land into a park like setting, relaxing with his wife after a long day of working. He was a very devoted husband, father, grandpa, and great-grandpa, as well as a friend to all those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife Alice, children: Lana (Gregg) Tarr, Lesley (Wanda) Evenhus, LaNita (Gene) Jessup, Donna (Kevin) Simmons, and Trina (Sam) Mead. Grandchildren include Jacob (Fawn) Simmons, Kari (Manuel) Tarr-Ebert, Sheri (Albert) Rookard, Kim Tharp (Tim Brown), Justin (Carleen) Armstrong, Shawn (Courtney) Armstrong, Simone (Micheal) Hagge, Thomas (Maira) Williams, Mitchell (Nancy) Williams, and Meredith Mead; great grandchildren: Anika Simmons, Gunnar Simmons, Kolton Simmons, Landon (Courtney) Rookard, Bradon Rookard, Tanner (Rebekah) Rookard, Makaila Armstrong, Jaidyn Armstrong, Emileigh Armstrong, Elodie Armstrong, Boog Williams, Meila Williams, Rosie Williams, Ezra Tarr-Ebert, and Killian Haggee; siblings: Grace Cote, Dallas Burks, and David Evenhus, along with many other brother and sister in laws, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, brother Harold (Jane) Evenhus, Gordon (Lillian) Evenhus, Melford Evenhus, and sister Gloria Evenhus.

We would like to give a special thank you to the many doctors, nurses, therapists, Wenatchee Valley Clinic Rehabilitation, Home Health Care therapy team, hospice team and Chapel of the Valley.

There will be a service held to celebrate his life at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 28th, 2023, at 11:00 am.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington St
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

GC

“ My wonderful brother Donnie was always there. He was kind and considerate from the beginning. He was very clean and soft spoken. Being older than me, I was just too young to do the things he did. I love him very much. He got me my first job in Wenatchee. It is hard to put into words how good an impression he made in my life. Our families had great times together as we all got older especially when our children were younger. I will miss him. With love Grace

grace cote - January 11, 2023 at 12:15 PM

FS

“ I didn't know Grandpa Don for very long, but he was the kindest sweetest grandpa I ever got to meet. Right away you could tell his family and everyone who enter into it meant the world to him. He just had this calming presence about him. It left an impression on me.

Fawn Simmons - January 09, 2023 at 10:46 PM

LG

“ He was an example to us all. Every time I get a call in the middle of the night, I think- what would Don do? He would get up and go in and give a hand. His dedication was unparralleted and an inspiration to us all at Keyes.
Len Geren

Lenard Geren - January 05, 2023 at 11:45 AM

LJ

“ *Best Christian man, Husband, Father, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Friend, mentor, coach, genuine person you could ask for as a Father.*

We'll keep the fort down, take care of the acre most of all take care of Mom.

I know you'll kick me in the bottom now and then though as it should be.

Until we meet again.

Much Love ❤️

Gone... not forgotten

LaNita

LaNita Jessup - December 30, 2022 at 09:52 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Evenhus' passing. Back in the day we never called a friend's parent by their first name. I grew up with his kids and he was always such a kind, quiet man and a very good dad! My condolences to his family.*

Denise Foubert Mays - December 29, 2022 at 03:05 PM

DS

RIP Uncle Don. I will miss running into you just about every time I went shopping. Uncle Don was an amazing man, father and Uncle. He will always be missed and thought of often. Condolences to all the family.

Debbie Sherrard - January 10, 2023 at 09:33 AM