



## Donald Roland Van Osten

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Donald Van Osten, 86, died on July 1, 2013. A lifelong resident of the Wenatchee Valley, he was born on October 5, 1926, to Frank and Mamie (Eiachacker) Van Osten of East Wenatchee. Upon graduation from Wenatchee High School, he served in the U.S. Army, 6th Infantry Division from 1946 to 1947. In 1949, Don married Audrey Hisel in Coeur d'Alene, ID and made their home in East Wenatchee. In 1950, he was recalled by the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Korea. He was discharged in 1951, and went to work for Columbia Tractor, a local Caterpillar distributor, as a truck driver. In 1962, he enrolled at Central Washington State College and graduated in 1966. Following graduation, Don went to work for the Wenatchee School District as a Driver's Education Teacher, working there until his retirement in 1982. Don enjoyed traveling and often said that he wanted to grow old remembering the places he had been, instead of wishing he had gone to these places. Don and Audrey traveled to the South Pacific, China, Russia and many times to Hawaii. Following Audrey's death in 1988, Don remarried June McCann and they continued to enjoy world travels. Don and June were married from 1989 to 2012. Don was a 50 year member of the Riverside Masonic Lodge in Wenatchee.

Survivors include his brother, Courtney of East Wenatchee; sons, Doug (Jan) of Wenatchee and Mark (Sandra) of East Wenatchee; and five grandchildren, Kramer, Corbin, Emily, Matt and Olivia, all of Wenatchee.

A Graveside Service will be held Friday, July 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We always enjoyed visiting with Mr. Van Osten whenever we saw him! After high school he wanted us to call him Don but old habits are hard to break! Very special man! He was more a friend than teacher. May you be @ peace & pain free! Sincerely & respectfully  
Steve & Lisa Mattix

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