



Donald K Wallace

August 1, 1928 - May 26, 2019

Donald K. Wallace, 90, of Ephrata, Washington, was called home to be with his Lord on Sunday, May 26, 2019. He was born on a farm outside Colby, Kansas on August 1, 1928 to William C and Josephine Wallace. It was the same farm where his father was born, only in a sod house on the land his grandparents homesteaded in 1885. Don spent his younger years till about age 13 on the farm with his parents and older brother before moving into town when his parents bought a Motel.

After graduating high school, Don moved to Denver to attend Watchmaker's School, which became a lifelong trade he enjoyed.

On November 18, 1950 he married Betty Marie Pope. The first 4 years of their marriage Don served in the US Navy aboard the USS Midway during the Korean war. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Don and Betty moved to Washington State, where he worked in the Jewelry business for a few years, and lived and raised 3 girls in Ephrata since 1955. He was a loving husband and father.

He joined the Grant County Assessor's office where he worked till his retirement in 1990. In addition to his government job, every day Don repaired watches sent to him from jewelry stores all across the state. He also found time to own a trailer park in Ephrata, develop land in the Soap Lake area and restore a 1924 Model T Ford, which he took on outings as a founding member of the Columbia Basin Carriage club, and drove in the local parade for many years.

Don lost Betty after 59 happy years of marriage. Finding love again, he married Shirley Nafziger. They enjoyed almost 6 years together before her death.

He was active in his Church all his life and loved being around family and friends. He really enjoyed the many meals and fine friends at the Ephrata Senior Center. Most important to Don was his family, friends and his faith in God. He wanted to see all his family in heaven so he never missed an opportunity to share the good news of salvation. He will be dearly missed by all.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert, infant son Christopher and two loving wives.

He is survived by his 3 daughters Janene Freel (Carl) of Texas, Tanya Lakoduk (Kevin) of Ephrata and Melissa Sage of Newcastle, Wa; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Ephrata Senior Center. Services will be held at 11:00 am at the Soap Lake Baptist Church on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Baptist Church of Soap Lake
4th and Division
Soap Lake, WA 98851

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald K Wallace*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - June 04, 2019 at 04:19 PM

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What a deeply moving & beautiful video honoring your father 🙏 Thank you for sharing so much love ❤️ Bob Wallace & Roxanne Maki

Bob Wallace - July 02, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ *I worked with Don at the Assessors Office. I loved the knowledge that he share with me and the knowledge he showed me. He showed me showed me how to be true to my self. Don was a great guy, he was a true mentor, and an 3D appraiser, and he gave me hope and inspiration.*

Gidget Moreno - June 30, 2019 at 11:41 PM