

Donovan (Don) Lee King
September 9, 1946 – July 22, 2020

Donovan (Don) Lee King, 73, passed away on July 22, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family after a nearly twenty-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Don was born September 9, 1946 in Sweet Home, Oregon to Lyle and Dorothy King. He accepted the Lord at a young age and was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ. He worked summers for his Dad in the logging industry, setting chokers and cutting timber in various locations including clearing for Green Peter Reservoir. Don always said there were two kinds of choker setters, the quick and the dead.

Don graduated from Western Mennonite School in Salem where he met his future wife, Erna Stutzman. He married his high-school sweetheart and loving wife of 53 years on June 30, 1967. Shortly after their wedding, they served two years of voluntary service at Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Pennsylvania. After attending Chemeketa Community College, he went to work at CH2M Hill where he spent 35 years working as a Design Specialist.

Don was a quiet man and was gentle and caring to those around him. He had a quick wit and a sense of humor that often belied his quiet nature. Until his last day on Earth he had his family laughing with unexpected wisecracks. He loved to hunt, fish, and golf with his boys and his friends. He enjoyed working on cars, especially his 1949 Ford Panel truck which he beautifully restored. He was well known to be capable of fixing almost anything, and was always willing to help a friend or family member in need.

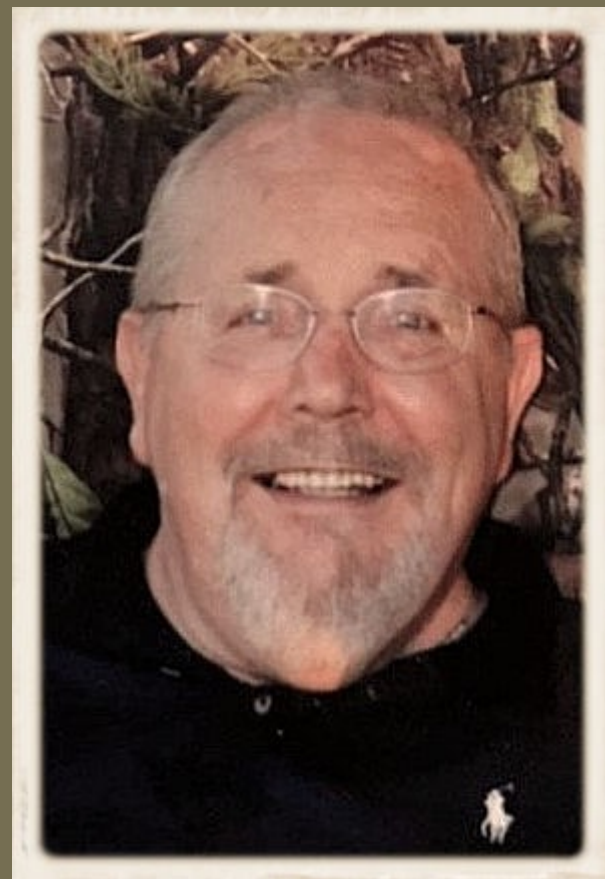
Ministry was an important part of Don's life. He and Erna served in the role of Deacon at Fairview Mennonite Church for 18 years. They also served in youth and single adult ministries over the years. Don's wisdom and leadership made him a mentor and role model for many people over the course of his life. He touched many lives even as his disease slowly robbed him of his mind and body.

Don and Erna enjoyed vacationing in Hawaii with friends. He also enjoyed camping and made many trips to the coast or the mountains to camp with friends and family. After a week in the mountains, he always dreaded getting back to "civilization", and often wondered aloud as he fought traffic on a weekday in Bend why nobody was at work. His heart was in the quiet places in nature and he spent as much time there as he could.

Don is survived by his wife Erna, his brother Mike (Sandra) King, sons Lance (Stephanie) King, and BJ (Kyla) King, daughters Trina (Brad) Ils, and Kendra (Bryan) Rehnberg, 14 grandchildren: McKena (Stephen) Roberts, Brady and Cole King, Haylee, Carlie, and Aleeya Ils, Mylee, Macy, and Meeya Rehnberg, Carson, Devin, Blake, Owen, and Finley King, one great-grandson, Brydon Roberts, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lyle and Dorothy King, brother Duane King, and sister Linda Garber.

In Loving Memory of



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God Saw You Getting Tired

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered, "**Come to me**".
With tearful eyes we watched you.
And saw you pass away.*

*Although we **loved** you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A **Golden Heart** stopped beating,
Hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the **best**.*

*Well done, well done
My good and faithful one
Welcome to the place where you belong
Well done, well done
My beloved child
You have run the race and now you're home
Welcome to the place where you belong
- "Well Done" by The Afters*

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Celebration of Life

*Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
Lake Charles Park, Jefferson, Oregon*

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| Prelude | Bethel Mountain Band |
| Welcome & Prayer | Pastor Brad Ils |
| Obituary | Bryan Rehnberg |
| Memories | Ellis Stutzman |
| Special Music | Bethel Mountain Band |
| Message | Pastor Brad Ils |
| Postlude | Bethel Mountain Band |

Casket Bearers

*Stephen Roberts, Brady King, Carson King
Devin King, Cole King & Blake King*

Honorary Casket Bearers

*Owen King, Brydon Roberts, Mckena Roberts, Haylee Ils
Carlie Ils, Mylee Rehnberg, Aleeya Ils, Macy Rehnberg
Meeya Rehnberg & Finley King*