



Donald Charles Shields

May 15, 1921 - May 11, 2013

Born the son of a farmer, Don spent his first 15 years in Prosser Washington. In 1936 Don, his widowed mother, and younger brother relocated to the Bay Area where he lived all of his life.

Don became involved in construction immediately after high school. He and his wife Evelyn started their lives living in a custom home Don built. Many of Don's buildings still stand in the Bay Area. Don and Evelyn raised their three daughters in their favorite custom home in the El Cerrito Hills. After high school graduation, they sold their home and moved to Concord, California.

Don worked as a building inspector for the City of Concord, where he worked till he retired. Besides providing for his family, Don enjoyed reading, lapidary, his many loyal dogs, and traveling the United States in his Airstream trailer.

Don lived independently after his wife of sixty-seven years passed away three years ago. He lived alone until the last six weeks of his life when he became ill and moved in with his daughter in Benicia. He was with his family at the time of his death which was very important to Don.

Don is survived by his daughters Charlene (Harold) Stone, Gwen Williams, and Donalyn "Donnie" (Allan) Lemone, his brother Jerry Shields; grandchildren Johnny, Judy, and Jerry Stone and Pete and Scott (Maria) Lemone, great grandchildren and several great , great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn and grandson Jeffrey Williams.

A memorial service will be held for Don at 4PM on Friday May 31st at the Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd Street, Benicia, California. Folks

unable to attend the memorial service may join the immediate family at a graveside service with Military Honors at 11:30 AM also on May 31st at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon. The family prefers donations be made in Don's name to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Charles Shields*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Don, we remember you and Evelyn with great fondness during our Airstream days. You both were absolutely the best. One time you came to our home on the base at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and had dinner with us and a few other Airstreamers. Afterwards, you fell asleep in the recliner in front of the fireplace. Evelyn was very upset and was going to wake you up, but we told her to leave you alone. We figured that anyone who felt that comfortable in our house was the same as family, and we were happy that felt so at ease with us. We are SO grateful to have had you as friends and wish you were still with us. But we know you're with the Lord, so we're happy for you.*

Bob and Marilyn Hunt

Bob & Marilyn Hunt - January 30, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ *Donnie Lemone sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Charles Shields*



Donnie Lemone - June 12, 2013 at 02:59 PM

DL

You were the most wonderful father a man could be. Thank you so much for sharing such a pure kind love with me. Nobody ever looked at me the way you did. I can't tell you how much I miss you, but I am comforted by the many terrific conversations and visits we had. You were a kind gentle spirit. I know God has you by his side. Please kiss Ma and Jeff for me. I love you all so much. Donalyn

Donalyn "Donnie" Lemone - June 12, 2013 at 03:05 PM

RV

“ *May God bless you and keep you safe.*

We will miss you Don.



Rob and Debbie Vincent - May 30, 2013 at 06:36 PM

GW

“ *Gwen Willaims lit a candle in memory of Donald Charles Shields*



Gwen Willaims - May 30, 2013 at 03:56 PM