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Donald Brown

Born: Sat Aug 6, 1927

Died: Fri Jun 7, 2013

Memorial Service

11:30 AM Wed Jun 12, 2013

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Donald Clifford Brown, 85, of Helix, Oregon, died on Friday, June 7th, 2013, at Elizabethan Manor in Pendleton, Oregon. Graveside services for family and friends will be held Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Olney Cemetery followed by a memorial service at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 NW 9th, Pendleton, Oregon, at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor John Maas officiating. A luncheon will follow and all family and friends are invited to attend.



Don was born August 6, 1927, at St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, Oregon, to Clifford and Thelma Brown. Don spent all of his youth in Pendleton and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1945. After his graduation, Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a radioman aboard a minesweeper at the conclusion of World War II.

In his younger years, Don was an avid horseman and he loved to rodeo. As a member of the Mustanger Riding Club, he traveled to rodeos all over Eastern Oregon and Washington, including the Pendleton Round-Up, to race on their riding club relay teams and to rope. He also participated in the Happy Canyon Pageant each year as a Pony Express rider and as a member of the quadrille team that square danced on horseback.

Don loved animals and working with them. When he returned to Pendleton after his honorable discharge from the Navy, he worked on Tony Vey's cattle ranch as a veterinarian assistant, and with his father on the farm. In the early 1960s he was employed by the Washington State Fisheries, and he remained in that position until his retirement. He was assigned to many different hatcheries throughout the state of Washington. When his dad retired from farming, his parents went to live with him.

After the death of his parents, Don traveled full-time in his RV, seeing much of the United States. In 2005 he decided to stop traveling and enjoy a home life with his sister and her daughter and family in Helix, Oregon. Since he had never married and had children, nothing was more important to Don than his nieces and nephews. This multi-generational home allowed to him to attend and cheer them on at anything they participated in.

As well as loving to travel, Don was a voracious reader and was never without a book to read. Don attended Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. The family wishes to thank Elizabethan Manor's staff and residents for their loving care and friendship they gave to Don the past three months.

Don is survived by his sister, Darlene Herbert; niece Sue Herbert-Holden; nephews Brad Holden and Scott Herbert; great-nieces Kern Herbert and Daria Holden; great-nephews Richard Herbert and Allan Holden; great-great-nieces Lynne Ashby and Kara Herbert; and great-great-nephews Corbin Ashby and Gavin Herbert. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Thelma Brown, and his brother-in-law Richard (Dick) Herbert.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Don Brown to Peace Lutheran Church for the refurbishment of their handbells. These can be sent either to the church or in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

