

Donald R. Mellander
May 2, 1929 - September 13, 2019

Donald Robert Mellander passed away peacefully on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Albany General Hospital in hospice care. He was 90 years old. He is a descendent of Oregon pioneers who came to this area on the Applegate trail.

Don was born in Watsonville, California to Elizabeth Margaret Long and John Raymond Mellander. He grew up in Watsonville, attended Watsonville High School, and attended college at Hartnell Junior College in Salinas and Santa Clara University. He also spent a year in the Catholic seminary in Los Angeles where he considered a vocation in the priesthood.

Don served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 as a Radar Technician aboard the U.S.S. Essex CVA-9 during the Korean War.

During his working life, Don worked as a technician for Varian Associates in Palo Alto, California from the mid 1950's to 1977. After moving to Oregon, he worked as a technician and salesman for Tektronix in Beaverton, until his retirement in 1995.

Don was married to his wife of 60 years, Henrietta Isabelle Tello Mellander.

Don was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany where he enjoyed his time serving as a Reader and in serving Holy Communion to the congregation on Saturdays.

Don enjoyed fixing and tinkering around the house, rebuilding his VW engines, swimming and being in the sun, orange sherbet and rocky road ice cream, making apricot pies, the movies Singin' In the Rain, The Music Man and Raiders of the Lost Ark, quoting Ogden Nash ("...if called by a panther...don't anther") playing the ukulele and listening to Harry Lauder, The Clancy Brothers and John Denver. He was also very proud of his amateur radio license.

Don is preceded in passing by his granddaughter, Danika Sue Mellander.

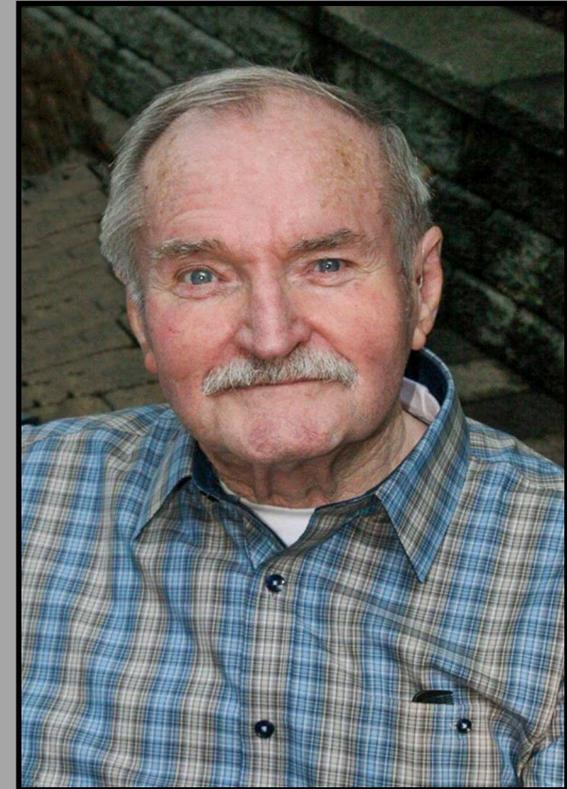
Don is survived by his wife, Henrietta; his six children and their spouses, Kevin and Lori, Brian and Christie, Julie and Corrie, Kerry and Tim, Mary and Mike and Tim and Sandy; his 15 grandchildren, Glen, Elise, Dawnielle, Kara, Jessica, Nicole, Brandon, Tyler, Cassandra, Ashley, Kyleigh, Lane, Lindsey, Josh and Jake; and 24 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Dorothy; his niece, Barbara; and his nephews, Dennis and Mark.

There will be a public viewing held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 19 at AASUM-DUFOR Funeral Home. A funeral mass and celebration of Don's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany. A graveside committal will take place at 2 p.m. at Willamette Memorial Park.



In Honored

Memory



Donald "Don" Robert Mellander

1929 - 2019

May The Road Rise up to Meet You
Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

In Honored Memory of

Donald “Don” Robert Mellander

Age 90

BORN

*May 2, 1929
Watsonville, California*

ENTERED INTO REST

*September 13, 2019
Albany, Oregon*

RECITATION OF ROSARY

*Friday, September 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Albany, Oregon*

FUNERAL MASS

*Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11 a.m.
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Albany, Oregon*

CELEBRANT

Father Leonard Omolo

CANTOR

Nushia Lake

ACCOMPANIST

Rich Watte

PALLBEARERS

*Brian Mellander, Kevin Mellander, Tim Mellander
Mike Harrison, Tim Shoop, Corrie Epperly*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Brandon Tucker, Brant Proden, Tyler, Jake & Josh Mellander
J.J. Borgaro, Lane Harrison, Nate Sim, Tom Pittman*

INTERMENT

*Willamette Memorial Park
Albany, Oregon*

*Everyone is invited to a lunch reception immediately
following the mass.*