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Our beloved father passed into the hands of our savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, September 25, 2023. He has rejoined his wife, Ann, who preceded him in death five years earlier.

He was born on January 17, 1928 to Arthur H. and Anna M. Davis in Dallas, OR. He spent his early years in Valsetz, Albany, Monmouth, Dallas and Salem, OR.

After completion of high school and serving in the Army, he was trained as a civil engineer at OSU in Corvallis. Upon graduation, he worked in various engineering jobs throughout Oregon before he was appointed as Newport's first city manager in October of 1962.

He spent 29 years in service for the people of Newport. In that time, he used his engineering skills to provide the city with paved streets, an abundant water supply and adequate sewer system.

Always a visionary, he would look for ways to improve Newport's livability. He did this by traveling the United States looking at other cities and determined what made them stand out. A few of those accomplishments include the

design and build of the Public Swimming Pool, the Performing Arts Center, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Bayfront board walk and a Public Library for the citizens of Newport. His work also included the Visual Arts Center and the revitalization of the Historic Nye Beach area and turnaround.

Upon his retirement in 1991, a park was named in his honor for service to the people of Newport.

His retirement was spent enjoying his grandchildren, researching the family's ancestral history, consulting with those that needed his services and traveling the United States with his wife, Ann.

Don is survived by his son, Ted Davis and his wife, Debbie; daughter, Sally Davis Fulham and her husband, Rich. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one great grandson.

A service will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport on October 21 at 1:30pm. A memorial donation may be made to the Ann Davis Scholarship Fund.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Atonement Lutheran Church
2315 N Coast Hwy
Newport, OR 97365

Tribute Wall



“ I admired Don very much and hot to work with him on our Vietnam Memorial. I have the most respect for Don. Lots of good Memoties on our project and I Miss Ann she was one great person. I just never knew he passed away. Msny Prayers RIP Don fm tony Molina

tony molina - May 22, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Don Davis was the only father of any of my friends growing up in Newport that talked to me or included me in a family activity. I went to Canada with Sally and her family, and got to see Don as a father, and experience what it felt like to be under that umbrella of his parenting. Coming from a broken home, I knew, even then, how lucky Ted and Sally were. I always wondered if they realized it at the time, since having a great dad was an everyday occurrence to them. I count them as his greatest legacies, and that is saving a lot, considering the man’s accomplishments.

Tammy Bittler - October 17, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Davis.

October 17, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Davis.



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“ I remember one time when I brought my wife, girlfriend at the time, to thanksgiving dinner in 2018. Papa, (aka Don) brought us into the family room and played three songs that reminded of him and his wife, Ann. I said, "Papa, we've only been dating for two weeks!" The thing is, he knew I was bringing my future wife to thanks giving that year.

Love you Papa,
Blair, Jen and Hudson

Blair Davis - October 04, 2023 at 11:57 AM

SF

Tears are flowing. How sweet!

Sally Fulham - October 07, 2023 at 04:39 PM

KB

My dad and Don were first cousins and grew up sharing a wonderful childhood together. Don was a very articulate, classy and charming gentleman. He shared so much family history with me that I just couldn't ignore, so I got the bug and have been researching our family history and creating records and documents to pass on to our young families. When we, my brothers and I, would visit Don at his care facility in Newport, he always had stacks of pictures, documents and stories and he always knew exactly where a particular picture or article was in these multiple stacks that he was saving for us! He was amazing! He talked often about his beautiful wife, Ann, and how lucky he felt that she chose to spend her life with him. He wanted to be with her more than anything else. I will miss my visits with this extraordinary man and the memories and history he shared about his childhood in Valsetz, which most often included my dad.

Don, I am so happy you are with Ann now! Thank you for all you shared with me.

Love,
Kathy (Morris) Van Brocklin
Daughter of Coye Melvin and Betty Ann Morris

Kathy Van Brocklin - October 20, 2023 at 04:47 PM