



## Donald Edward Larsen

February 2, 1938 - September 13, 2025

Donald E. Larsen was born February 2, 1938, in Oregon City, Oregon to Perry and Alice Larsen, the eldest of 4 children. Don grew up in Monitor and went to Molalla High School and graduated from West Linn High School in 1956. Don served in the US Coast Guard from 1956 to 1963. He and his wife moved from Gladstone in 1962 to begin his career with Georgia-Pacific. Don retired from GP after 35 years of dedicated service. Don passed away at home in Toledo, Oregon on September 13, 2025, at 87 years old.

Don was a force of nature who lived his life with excellence and gusto. He had a multitude of hobbies, which he mastered - from racing cars and motorcycles to hunting and fishing all throughout the great Northwest - so passionate about them all. Nothing slowed him down. He loved to hear and tell a good story of grand adventures, and he loved the beautiful Siletz River. Don was a devoted and active member of the Siletz Watershed Council and Midcoast Watersheds Council for nearly two decades.

He was a meticulous craftsman - no project was too large. Don was an incredibly hard working and determined man. His favorite books were his cherished Bible and *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale. His beautiful and faithful wife of 66 years and his loving family will miss his great big smile, twinkling eyes and limitless wisdom.

Don is survived by his wife June Larsen of Toledo, son Chris Larsen of McMinnville and daughters Vickie Kneeland (Noel) of Medford and Amy Purdom (Darrin) of Toledo. Also surviving him are cherished grandchildren Chelsea, Shelby, Matthew, Dylan and Sydney and great grandchildren Fisher, Opal, Jack and June and sister Carole Berke of Beaverton. Don is preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Janet Ingram and Dorothy Larsen.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 15 at 1:00 PM at the Newport Nazarene Church. We would be honored if you would join us. Don will be laid to rest at Eureka Cemetery in Newport, OR.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 15. 1:00 PM (PT)

Newport Nazarene Church  
227 NW 12th St,  
Newport, OR 97365

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bill & Michelle Boresek purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Edward Larsen.*



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**Bill & Michelle Boresek** - November 14, 2025 at 10:51 PM

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“ *Bill & Michelle Boresek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Edward Larsen.*

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**Bill & Michelle Boresek** - November 14, 2025 at 10:51 PM

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“ *James R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Edward Larsen.*

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**James R.** - November 14, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Edward Larsen.*



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November 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM

TP

“ Tom and Kennette Peck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Edward Larsen.

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**Tom and Kennette Peck** - November 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM