



## Donald Leslie Gardner

January 28, 1929 - August 26, 2023

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My dad, Don Gardner was born on Jan. 28, 1929, in Nyssa, OR. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict as a radio technician. He married my mom, Paula in 1950. Together, they raised us kids, my brother, Jon; my sister, Ann Marie and myself. His technical aptitude eventually led him to a career with Hewlett-Packard way back in the 60s, back when Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Packard would personally attend the annual company barbecues thrown for the employees and their families. His job would take him from Cupertino, CA, to Colorado Springs, to Escondido, CA, and finally to Vancouver. He and my mom were married for 67 years before she passed in 2017. Together, they faced the challenges and joys that living brings. From the heartache of losing two of their children, to the birth of their two grandchildren, my parents weathered the storms and celebrated the victories. My dad passed away on Aug. 26, 2023. His final thoughts were of his wife: "Where's Paula?" he asked. We assured him she was waiting for him. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Paula; his son Jon; and his daughter, Ann Marie. He is survived by his son, Dave; daughter-in-law, Becca; and grandsons, Daniel and Stephen.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Don was always a treat. He could make me laugh, make me see things from a different perspective, made me think. He will be missed by so many and remembered fondly for years to come. Go with God. Dee Brady



Dee Brady - August 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will always remember Don fondly. He was fun to converse with on a wide range of topics including his experiences during a long and very successful career at HP. Don was a well-liked and highly respected manager at HP which is where we came to know him. We have stayed in touch with him since our retirements. Sometimes we and others discussed topics with Don where we had differing views and he enjoyed sparring and learning others' viewpoints. Don was always positive, smiling and a joy to be with.

Rest in peace friend,  
John & Joyce

John and Joyce - August 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Donald Leslie Gardner - August 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM