



# Donald Wayne Horgen

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Don Horgen was born and raised in Bellingham, Washington by parents John and Annie Horgen. He was second-youngest of five children and enjoyed his childhood days spent with his brothers John, Jim, Art, and sister Betty. Active in both school and church activities, he honed his musical talents by learning to play many different instruments - piano, guitar, trumpet, and more. His talents also shined with choir directing and leading and being part of a musical group. Joining the Navy after high school was a defining event in Don's life, and he carried the lessons he learned from those experiences throughout his life and career. He was proud to serve his country and continued his radioman's skills in retirement thru Ham radio school and occasionally spoke in Morse code to his giggling kids. After returning home from the Navy, it was at church where he first met his wife Dixie. They quickly fell in love, married and started a family. With young kids in tow, he made sure most weekends were filled with trips to the library, playing in the park, swimming at the YMCA and visits to Grandma's house. His sunny disposition meant that even rainy days were fun-filled for everyone around him. After retirement, Don remained active in musical choirs as well as tending his renowned vegetable garden. He also enjoyed his time at the gym where he worked out with friends into his 80's and right up to the last months of his life. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. To everyone who knew him, this is a perfect depiction of Don. He was sure of his final destination and at peace with the end of his journey, leaning on God's promise to see him home to Glory. He spoke of reuniting with loved ones; Dixie preceded him in death in 2015. Don is survived by his brother Art and his three children - Barbra Freeman, David Horgen, and Skip Horgen plus three grandchildren, Laura, Jason and Hanna.

# Tribute Wall

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Donald Wayne Horgen** - February 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM