



Donald Brennan Kenny

March 31, 1938 - April 13, 2016

DONALD "DON" BRENNAN KENNY March 31, 1938 ~ April 13, 2016 Don Kenny, 78, passed away peacefully with his wife and close family members in Vancouver, WA on April 13th, 2016. He was born in Santa Monica, CA to Charles and Florence. Charles passed away when Don was just 16 years old which left him as the man of the house to help his mom and his two younger twin sisters, Diane and Darleen. Don graduated from Santa Monica High School and briefly attended UCLA. In 1956, he married the love of his life Sandra Canfield who also graduated from Samohi. They would have been married 60 years this September. Don's career was wide and deep. He started out managing Standard Oil stations in the Los Angeles area. After several promotions that included a stint in Alaska and Seattle, the family put down roots in Portland, OR. Don had moved up to be a regional training specialist when he decided that he had spent enough time in the corporate world. From there, he would own and operate many different businesses. Including Marcoin Bookkeeping, Burlingame Chevron, Burlingame Exxon, Multnomah Exxon, Capitol Hwy Chevron, Jantzen Beach Chevron, Newport Marina, Jantzen Beach Fuel Dock, Washougal Fuel Dock and Mill Plain Chevron. His one venture into an invention and patent was his floating boat hull scrubber. He also served on the Board of Directors of The Oregon Gasoline Dealer's Association. Don attributed his success to surrounding himself with likeminded business owners, putting in a full day's work and the support he had from Sandie. He brought all of his children into the business at some point and it

made for interesting dinner talk. He sold his last station in 1997. Don had a passion for camping, fishing and community service. He would never turn down a chance to fish with his friends and family. Once a year he would make a run by himself to Lake Shasta where he would fish and camp for a week. This was his recharge time. He joined Rotary in 1981 and served as President of the Rotary Club of North Portland. He also served as a Team Leader for a Rotary Exchange Tour to Nigeria in 1990 and served as the Assistant District Governor in 1997. Don and Sandie moved to Sun River in 2000 and then to Gresham, OR until their recent move to Vancouver to live closer to the family. Don will always be remembered by his family as a loving, caring man with a hard work ethic, and a very playful side. At any occasion he could strike up a tune of an old silly song he knew from his Boy Scout years. His sense of humor was always kind and thoughtful. Friends will remember Don as an honest and faithful friend that they could go to for advice or just to join them for a drink or a cup of coffee. Don is survived by his wife, Sandie; children, David Kilkenny (Sue), Leanne Kenny, Lynda Floyd; grandchildren, Daniel, Melissa, Amanda, Michael, Tyler, Meghan, Dylan; great-grandchildren, Nigel, Verona, Aiden, Jack and Violet; and sisters, Diane McDowell and Darleen Weisz (Del). A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Sat., April 30th at 3p.m., Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Rotary International in Don's name. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ A heart felt thank you to everyone that reached out to our family. His memorial service was amazing and helped us to close a chapter of our lives. DBK touched many lives and he will live on in our memories.

David Kilkenny - May 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Don was the first person I met when I joined the North Portland Rotary Club in 1998. He was a good friend and I will miss him. I am sorry I was not able to attend the service on Sat. Hunt Coracci

May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To Sandie and family, our heart was very sad when we heard the news about Don, growing up with you guys as my Aunt Linda's Neighbors is a very awesome memory I have. You and Don are the most awesome people I think I have in my past, our prayers are with you and your family at this time, you guys always made us laugh and I remember that big parrot ;-) Don loved.

Lori Fuller - April 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were so sorry to hear this sad news. I know you created fabulous memories that will live from generation to generation in the telling. God Bless you in your time of grief. Marvin and Diana Menesini

Diana Menesini - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Fist of all my condolences to the Kenny family, Don was a great man Husband father and grand father I enjoyed the time we shared together. The stories Don could tell would just keep a smile on your face long after you left....Thanks for the memories Daddio you will forever be in my "Heart" Lamont

April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ First of all My Condolences to the Kenny Family Don was an amazing Husband father grand father and friend, Don could tell stories that would keep a smile on you face long after you left him, You will forever be in my "Heart" and truly be missed Daddio....Lamont

Dana Lamont - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ so sorry to here that ,don was a great man ,I work for him many years ago ,he was a great boss also Larry wayne Williams

April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sorry to hear about Don. Have known him for years and involved with him with chevron, in training and working. I called Dary Muslick and told him and being shocked about Don sends his condolences.

Loren Shrope - April 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Sorry to hear about Don. My condolences to the Kenny family. Don was one that I admired and respected, He was a real credit to the Chevron family.

George Sundem - April 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was very sorry to hear of Don's passing. My condolences to Sandie and family. I enjoyed Don's friendship in Rotary and at other social gatherings. Don will always be one of the great guys.

John Sherlock - April 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss my big brother, who was always there to guide and help, not only me but so many others. He was the best! Diane McDowell

April 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I have known Don - and Sandie - since 1984 and worked closely with him for four or five years. He was such a special person not only as a friend but the very best to work with. Always kind and considered. I know we will all miss him greatly.

Christine Huot - April 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I worked with Don back in the late 60's & early 70's. What a consummate gentleman. He always had a positive thought and a smile! I as sure he will be missed by a lot of people.

John Keortge - April 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I send my condolences to Sandie and family.
We go back a long way and I will always remember Don for his good nature.
Mary Babbitt

April 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Margaret & I want to send our deepest condolences to Sandy, Dave & Sue plus all the rest of the Kenny / Kilkenny clan. Don was a special guy and will be missed by all who knew him. R.I.P. Joe & Margaret

Joe DeTemple - April 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sandie and Family,

We will always think of Don and Sandie as family, always welcome into our home and our hearts. Don's smile, warmth and his humor set a wonderful example, as did his devotion to Sandie. Our thanks to Don and Sandie for enriching our lives. It has been said that a person is not truly gone until no one mentions their name. We will all be repeating your name, Don, for many years to come.

Terry & Gwenda McCall - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Sandie, the years of friendship and love with Don and you, will remain forever.*

He is now HOME SAFE.

Blessings to you and the family.

With Love, Barbie

Barbara Francis - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sandie, and extended Kenny family: We were looking forward to a visit at the Quarry to see your new home. Don was called to his heavenly home early and will be at the Quarry in spirit when we do get to share with Sandie Villa memories.....we shared a short snapshot of their life together. Don was a great provider, dedicated Rotarian, special Father and friend to hundreds. Thank you Don for being a special neighbor & friend. Don has left the trials and pain of this life for eternal rest. Our condolences are extended to Sandie and all the Kenny clan.*

John & Bunny Harrold - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM