



Donald Smith Krehbiel

April 2, 1935 - December 21, 2022

Donald Smith Krehbiel April 2, 1935 - December 21, 2022 Donald Smith Krehbiel, died Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at his home in Vancouver, Washington. He was born in Weiser, Idaho, to Benjamin and Emma Smith Krehbiel. When he was a child, the family moved to a farm near Meridian, Idaho, where he attended Lower Fairview Grade School. They moved to Nampa in 1949, and he attended Nampa schools. He was an honor student, and because of his keen interest in science, mathematics, and technology, his friends gave him the nickname "Professor." As a child he had a chemistry lab in his room and an assortment of partially dismantled radios and other electronic gadgets that he tinkered with. A family friend gave him a radio that no longer worked, so he tore it apart and repaired it. He worked at Carl Martin's TV and radio repair shop throughout high school. He graduated from Nampa High School in 1953 and attended Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, for one year, after which he transferred to the College of Idaho. After college, he began his 37-year career at Bonneville Power in Umatilla, Oregon. He later transferred to the Seattle area, where he met and married Helen Irene Schreindl in 1963. The family later moved to Vancouver, Washington. Donald was a Mason and served as Royal Patron of the Amaranth Chapter. He was also a member of the Search and Rescue team and helped people to evacuate the area when Mt. St. Helens erupted. In his retirement, his favorite activity was hiking in the mountains. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Krehbiel, his parents, Benjamin and Emma Smith Krehbiel, and his

sister, Lois Krehbiel Collinsworth. He is survived by his children, Melvin of Portland, Pamela Wilsonsage of Vancouver, and Karl of Vancouver; his grandchildren, Anna Holiday and husband Fargo, and El Jezek of Vancouver; his sister, Mary Krehbiel Mosley of Meridian, Idaho; nephew, Benjamin Mosley and wife KC, and grand nieces, Adley and Charlotte Mosley of Meridian, Idaho; and several cousins in Idaho, Washington, California, and Utah.

Tribute Wall



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“ Anna R Holiday lit a candle in memory of Donald Smith Krehbiel



Anna R Holiday - January 06, 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 Smith Krehbiel - December 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM