



Donald Brent Owings

September 25, 1957 - April 30, 2016

DONALD BRENT OWINGS September 25, 1957 ~ April 30, 2016 Donald Brent Owings passed away on April 30, 2016 in Vancouver, Washington. Don was born to Junior and Sylvia Owings on Sept. 25, 1957 in Oregon City, Oregon. He grew up in La Grande, Oregon and graduated from La Grande High School in 1975. He graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology in 1987 and shortly thereafter began his career in civil engineering. He married Kriss Smith on Dec. 15, 1979. He worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation for 19 years and for HDR Engineering for the last 10 years. Don loved fishing, hunting and camping with his family and he treasured the annual hikes he would take with his sons. Don was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by Kriss, his wife of 36 years; and his children, Kayla and Brad Lambrecht, Alyssa and Chris Caudillo, Adam and Aimee Owings, Logan Owings; his sisters, Kerrie Wylam and Carla Owings, and their families. There will be a Celebration of Life service on Sat., May 14, at 3:00p.m. at GracePoint Christian Church, located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98664. Please sign his Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:22 PM

HA

“ Don's family,

Condolences to you for your loss. I worked with Don when we were both in our 20's at WSDOT. I remember him as a quiet conscientious man. I am sorry his life was cut so short.

Helena Abernathy - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *My heart goes out to all who knew Don. I worked with Don at HDR Engineering in Portland and remember him as a consummate professional who did all he could to help others be successful. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues. My sincere condolences to his family and my former colleagues at HDR.*

Evan Dust - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Don was a great roommate during our first year at OSU. He was a fabulous friend, and KDR brother. Thanks to Don I enjoy many wonderful memories including our dinner in San Francisco with The Sex Pistols prior to their final concert trying to figure out how we'd pay for our double date when we had no money the dozens of young ladies he helped arrange to serenade me on my 21st birthday and of course the wonderful hospitality when i visited in Union So glad we were able to reconnect these past five years. You will be missed my friend! Our thoughts and prayers are with Kriss, and family.

Dwayne Douglas - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ That was a beautiful memorial service. The kids all did a great job, the slide show was excellent, and Kriss' letter was very touching. Don would have been very proud!

Bill Jensen - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DQ

“ Always a great loss to see that someone part of the family has passed. Lots of smiles when I think back to the days we were all together! Don, you were caring, engaged and worked hard to stay connected with us all. You were a great example of a brother to me. Deepest condolence and warmest regards.

Dennis Quinn - May 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

UR

“ One of the first people I got to know after arriving at KDR in Corvallis was Don. A fun loving, funny guy who could also be a very quiet and serious person when he needed to be. His presence will be missed by many for some time to come.

Uli Reich - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Kriss and family,
No words can express the sorrow we feel at this time. Don was a wonderful Christian man. Some of our fondest memories were from the times we spent at family camp at WiNeMa. You will be in our prayers and thoughts in the coming months.*

Anna Seley - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Kriss & family: Don was a great KDR, with a kind heart, quiet sense of humor, yet a good dash of mischief. I remember playing intramural sports with him and how he enjoyed that part of his OSU 'career.' Lives take many turns and we lose contact so easily. And yet, losing Don really hurts.*

Darryl Willis - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Don was a great leader and will be greatly missed. Condolences to his family ... he was far too young to go. Jon Dunham*

Jon Dunham - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Don was a great fraternity brother and friend. We had a great Elk hunting trip outside LaGrande many years ago! Happy Hunting bro! HSO*

Craig McClure - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Don was and will always be a fraternity brother, his life was cut short, his legacy will live on. Rest In Peace.....*

Don Snodgrass - May 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Don,
I'm going to miss you bro and that "Hagen that you had when i first met you at KDR back in '75. A special group of guys we were, you were a great friend and pinochle player. So glad you met my son when I last saw you at the KDR alumni dinner 2 years ago.

Ken Moulton - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Kriss and family, We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Even though we have lost touch with all of you, we have lots of fond memories of Don and his family. Lots of love and prayers coming your way.*

Bob and Debbi Faust - May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *May peace be with you.*

May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *We are so saddened to here of Don's passing. We all remember him for the Columbia River Marching Band days.
The Rees Mark, Trudy and Carey*

Trudy Rees - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Don was a genuinely nice guy, and a great fraternity brother. Many loved this man and will miss him greatly. My deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and co-workers. Rest in peace, Don.*

Gary and Janet Smith - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of Don. I met Don last year at the Kappa Delta Rho Founder's Day event. My condolences go out to the family.*

Michelle Nyhus - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *A great friend and awesome fraternity brother. HSO...*

Scott Mattravers - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM