



## James "Don" Donald Unruh

February 7, 1942 - September 28, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of James Donald (Don) Unruh on September 28th in Vancouver, Washington. Don Unruh was born February 7, 1942, in Lewiston, Idaho and grew up in Clarkston, Washington. Don graduated from Washington State University in 1965 with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and later earned an MBA from Gannon University in Erie PA. After graduating from WSU, Don joined the U.S. Navy where he served in the Vietnam war and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After completing his time in the Navy, Don went on to a 35-year career in the paper industry as a Project Engineering Director with stops in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Albany, Georgia, Erie, Pennsylvania, Vancouver, Washington, and Jacksonville Florida. Don loved his HAM radios, attending church, traveling globally, and sharing his quick wit with family and friends. He was preceded in death by parents Roland and Ruth Unruh and wife Cynthia. He is survived by his wife Linda Unruh, sister Diane Unruh, sons Jim Unruh and Jon Unruh (Tiffany), stepdaughters Kim DaSilva (Hernani) and Becky Oakes (Jamie), stepson Geoff Barter (Amy), 15 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday October 4th 11:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church 309 W 39th St, Vancouver, WA 98660.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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“ Hi Nancy, Jon Unruh here, Don's son. Thank you for sharing the picture, looks like you had a lot of great memories growing up together. Unfortunately Dad had developed Parkinsons as a result of his service in Vietnam. He had a wonderful life and was blessed with wonderful friends and family.

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**Jon Unruh** - November 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ I just saw Don's obituary. I was thinking about him and thought I would see if I could find anything about him on line, and sadly, there it was.

You probably have no idea who I am but I have so many great memories of Don as he is my cousin. His dad is my mom's sister. We had lost touch with Don after both Roland & Ruth passed. I last saw him at Ruth's funeral but had little time to visit as Don & the boys had to head out. My family spent lots of time with Don's family since we lived only 35 miles away in Pullman and our Grandparents lived in Lewiston. I passed the obituary on to my siblings who are also saddened by the news.

I am so sorry for your loss, I feel it too.

Nancy (Neill) Roberts

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**Nancy Roberts** - October 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Don was kind, generous and very thoughtful. On one of my last conversations with him he was sad that he and Linda had been to every continent except Australia. What a bucket list!

Cheryl Davidson - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Condolences from across the miles and years.

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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 James "Don" Donald Unruh - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jon, Tiffany, Our hearts go out to you during this time. We will keep you and family in our thoughts and prayers. Don sounds like an incredible man!

Alison, Curtis & Max - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM