



Don E. Vanderschoot Sr.

March 31, 1934 - November 27, 2016

Don E. Vanderschoot Sr. was born in Napa on March 31, 1934 to parents Margaret and Felix Vanderschoot Jr. He passed away in Vallejo, California on November 27, 2016. Don attended St. John's Catholic School, Napa High, and received an AA degree from Napa College. Don married his wife Barbara Ann (Jones) on June 16th, 1957. He served in the United States Army at Fort Polk in Louisiana from 1957-1959.

Don was an owner/partner of Vanderschoot Motors (Oldsmobile) and also a sales representative for Nissan and Toyota. He was a member of the Native Sons for 45 years, and the Elks Lodge since 1955, holding the title of Exalted Ruler from 1966-1967. Don enjoyed being surrounded by the love of family and friends, especially when relaxing at the family home in the Sierra's. He was continually listening to music of the 1940's "Big Band" era, and belonged to The Bing Crosby Fan Club for the past 25 years.

Don is survived by his wife Barbara Ann (Jones) Vanderschoot, his sons Donald E. Vanderschoot Jr. and Michael Vanderschoot, his daughter Michelle Vanderschoot-Venegas, his daughters-in-law Lynnette and Lori, as well as his son-in-law John Venegas. He is also survived by his brother Felix J.

Vanderschoot III (Buzz), and his sister Kathleen R. Vanderschoot-Carbone, and five grandchildren, Christine, Kelsey, Kyle, James, and Ian. Don was preceded in death by his sister Gail I. Vanderschoot-Ivey, and his granddaughter Justine R. Vanderschoot.

Tribute Wall



“ *Don E. Vanderschoot Sr.*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Don E. Vanderschoot Sr.*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you cope with the loss of Don. Our family and yours have been friends for decades as our friendship spanned across our car businesses and later as clients of my Dad's and my State Farm Insurance agencies. My deepest sympathy to you and your loved ones. Sincerely,
Lynn Pritchett and Family*

Lynn Pritchett - January 23, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *A very special man he was! Lots of good memories in the car business. Rest In Peace Don. I'll be praying for the family.*

With sympathy,

Tom Rollins

Tom Rollins - December 09, 2016 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ I have the fondest memories of Don; His fabulous cooking, the joy of his swimming pool, learning about Bing Crosby and his patience with my relentless need to play with the tortoise. I had the great privilege of sharing summer afternoons with Don and Barbara throughout my childhood and am forever grateful. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lexie Closs - December 09, 2016 at 12:04 PM

TW

“ Such great memories of working with Don at Napa Nissan from 1996 until his retirement. I dont think I've ever met another human being who drank nothing but black coffee ALL DAY LONG! 😊 He must be sitting next to Bing watching White Christmas! My condolences to the family. Rest in Peace, Don.

Tracee Walston - December 08, 2016 at 01:11 AM

VC

“ I remember some of Dons great stories, which to this day I share with my oldest and newest employees here at Napa Nissan. Don retired many years ago but still is present at 510 Soscol ave. He had a great ear for Bing Crosby and my favorite good old Fats Waller. God Bless. Vince Compagno

Vince Compagno - December 06, 2016 at 11:39 PM

PL

“ God Bless Don. I worked with him and enjoyed every minute. Loved that he collected twists for his sandwich bags like me. He was absolutely Bing Crosby smooth as well. God bless you Don. see ya on down the road Big Fella. Patrick Lewis

Patrick Lewis - December 06, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AP

“ We remember so many good times together over the years. We loved Don and love Barbara and the family. Please accept our deepest sympathy, Angela and Joe Peatman

Angela and Joe Peatman - December 03, 2016 at 03:53 PM