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Our brother Don passed away at his home in rural Scappoose, Oregon on August 1, 2022. Don was born September 25, 1944, in Burlington, Iowa to Robert A. & Dorothy M. (Robertson) Swanson. Don was the youngest of 4 children. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1962 and headed west to his brother Bob's home in California. While there he worked as a postal mail carrier and later enlisted in the U.S. Air force in the mid 1960's and was stationed in Minot, North Dakota for 4 years. Returning from the service he met his life partner Donavan Bickford and they moved to Portland-Scappoose area. Both operated a dog kennel business (raising and showing their shelties). Later in life Don drove a private school bus on a nearby island route until his health deteriorated to retirement.

Don is survived by brother Robert J. (Gail) of Las Vegas, NV., 2 sisters, Nancy K. Huffman of New London, IA and Paula "Gayle" (Darrel Kammrad) Winfrey of Sheffield, Iowa. Nephews-Eric Swanson of San Jose, California, Loren Winfrey of Ankeny, Iowa & Brian (Shelly) Winfrey of Mason City, Iowa. Nieces-Ashley (Darren) DeLaup of Aurora, Colorado, Anne Swanson (Sylvia) of Miami Shores, Florida, Laura (Keith) Wilson of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Pamela (Tracy) Peters of Hutchinson, Kansas. Don's caretakers- Andreana Lewis (Darren Gardner) of Scappoose, Oregon. Also, great nephews and nieces, cousins. Preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, his partner Donavon Bickford, Infant nephew Christopher Swanson & grandniece Miranda Swanson.

His ashes will be returned to Iowa for burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Burlington, Iowa next to his parents. Private family service & burial will be at a later date. He will be missed.



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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