



## Donald Alan Zink

January 29, 1932 - March 4, 2020

Lifelong Happy Camp resident Donald Alan Zink passed away on March 4, 2020 in Happy Camp surrounded by his family. He was 88 years old.

Don was born on January 29, 1932 in Yreka to Harvey and Merle Zink. He married his wife, Gail Gordon Zink in 1951, and together they had five children.

Don loved his family, baseball, hunting, fishing and music. In the 1950's Don enjoyed playing baseball in the Siskiyou County baseball league. He played the trumpet in several bands during the 50's and 60's. Don worked as a timber faller for many years. He was very active in the Happy Camp community. Don coached Babe Ruth baseball and worked tirelessly building a youth baseball field in Happy Camp for the teams to play on. Don and Gail were founding members of the Happy Camp High School Booster Club.

Don is survived by five children, Connie Rasmussen, Mark Zink, Tim Zink, Christy DeBonis and Dennis Zink, 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wives, Gail Gordon Zink in 1990 and Leora Zink in 2010, and two siblings, Marilyn Davis and Harvey Zink.

A memorial service has been postponed, and will be scheduled for a later date.

# Comments

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“ Don was one of the finest guys I knew in Happy Camp and he and his wife Gail did more for athletics in HC than just about anyone-he was a fan of fans-when his boys were playing Don was at every game home or away-One time I was with him going to a game in Etna in December and I said how cold it was in his car-he said there was something wrong with the air conditioner and we could not get it turned off- so both ways to and from we had a cool ride-how I loved that guy1 Bob Hokanson

**bob hokanson** - March 15 at 04:19 PM

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“ I remember Don's love of Baseball-Quiet expertise of the Sport. He helped many young players with techniques and attitudes towards the Sport--The last time I saw Don was at another memorial we stopped and said Hello--we both grinned and I believe it was the memory of the older days---Terry Everett High School Baseball Coach----ps. All his kids were really good players--Dad's contribution

**Terry Everett** - March 14 at 06:02 PM

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“ Every yeah uncle don would send my mom a big box of smoked salmon and it was the best ever. The best memories I have are from when we stoped in to visit. I was amazed at how we tied up the row in pantyhose for fishing the next day. Uncle don hooked a big one and let me bring it in. Never fought a fish that big . It was the biggest one caught at that time. I have never forgotten about that . RIP Uncle Don. Forever in our hearts.  
Troy Davis

**Troy Davis** - March 13 at 08:51 PM