



Donald LaVerne Swanson

September 30, 1944 - May 23, 2025

Donald LaVerne Swanson, affectionately known as Don, passed away peacefully at his home in Yreka, California, on May 23, 2025, at the age of 80, following a short battle with cancer.

Born on September 30, 1944, in Akron, Ohio, Don was the son of Leonard Swanson and Reta Mae (Joyal) Swanson. In 1961, Don joined the U.S. Navy in California and proudly served aboard the USS Midway. He was honorably discharged on June 21, 1963. After his military service, he worked in civil services and was involved in projects including the Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine.

Don was a hard-working man with an unmatched work ethic, known for owning and operating a successful contracting business. He was also a jokester at heart, always ready with a quip or joke to share with anyone he met.

Beyond his career, Don had a deep passion for classic cars. He especially enjoyed attending car shows every Father's Day, celebrating his love of automobiles with his family. His favorite pastimes included going for drives, grabbing coffee, and visiting local diners for a slice of pie. Don and his beloved wife Sharon often traveled across the U.S., exploring the country and creating cherished memories wherever the road took them.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Swanson, his son, Steven Swanson; and grandchildren Vaughn, Austin, Kory and Carol Ann. He also leaves behind his cherished grandson Shane Wyatt, whom he thought of as a

son, along with Shane's wife Kristi and their children, Brooke and Randy. His granddaughter Natisha Lewis and her husband Orin, along with their children Beau and Brody, also survive him. Granddaughter Shawnee and her husband, and their son Sean and Don's stepson Ron Wyatt and grandson Jason also mourn his passing.

He is additionally survived by Sharon's children: Wade Arnberg and Aimee Lantz and her husband Bucky and their children Hayz, Tymber, Tre, and Virusur. Sharon's family also carries numerous brothers and sisters-in-law that survive him. Don was predeceased by his stepson Randy Wyatt.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Scott Valley Berean Church. The service will be officiated by Pastor Lou Cosentino. We would love if those attending would bring a potluck dish to be served after the service during the reception to celebrate the impact that Don had on our lives.

Don's legacy of laughter, loyalty, and love for family will be forever remembered by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Aww Donny... I will love you forever. Suzy*

Suzy Dickinson - November 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Donald LaVerne Swanson - July 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM