



Don Stanley Sailors

April 19, 1939 - September 8, 2015

DON STANLEY SAILORS aged 76 of Red Feather Lakes, Colorado, died Tuesday, September 7, 2015, at Pathways Hospice Care in Loveland, Colorado.

Don was born April 19, 1939, in Ouray, Colorado, the eldest child of Stanley and Louise Sailors. He grew up in Wyoming and graduated valedictorian from Thermopolis High School in 1956. In 1960 he graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Later that year he married Elizabeth (Bette). After a brief time with U.S. Steel in Provo, Utah, he enjoyed his career with Marathon Pipe Line Company. Projects in Wyoming, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Alaska, Texas, Louisiana, and Ireland kept his family on the move and made life exciting. Don was also a fine musician and his greatest joy was playing tuba with the Salt Creek Jazz Band of Casper, Wyoming. Don was Western Division Manager when he retired from Marathon in Houston, Texas, to pursue golf in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. During retirement Don volunteered on the Board at Fox Acres Country Club and was treasurer of the Red Feather Fire Protection District. He and Bette attended The Chapel in the Pines. He enjoyed adding a humorous twist to conversations. He was earnest in his desire to always do the right thing.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, David. He is survived by his wife, Bette, of Red Feather Lakes, his son Robert (Maryellen)

of Kent, Washington, son Ron (Faye) of Fremont California, his grandchildren Naomi and Jesse, his sister Judy and brother Steve, and many cousins.

Memorial Service will be at The Chapel in the Pine in Red Feather Lakes on Friday, September 25, at 1:30 PM. Join the family in remembrance of Don.
Memorial contributions to Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

The Chapel In the Pine
23947 County Rd. 74E
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

Tribute Wall



“ *Don Stanley Sailors*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sorry late with memories - Don and I went to high school together and had great times together, both in Thermop and Grass Creek. One memory I will have forever..*

Don, his brother David, JimTschiffeley and I went to the Grass Creek Mountains over Xmas vacation. We took Don's Dodge ??? car and went as far as the snow would let us. Being in high school, we knew everything, so we only took a sleeping bag apiece, and our .22 rifles. We were going to live off the land for a few days. We lasted one whole night, shot and cooked on a stick, one squirrel , got stuck one the dirt road home and laughed for many weeks afterward. I always knew Don would go far in life and he did just that. Great person and friend

Vince Hanson - September 29, 2015 at 10:05 PM

JL

“ Dear Bette, Skip and Ron, we are very sorry to hear about Don's passing. Don was my Boss and a friend when he was Division Manager in Casper, Wyoming. I was a Technical Services Foreman in Casper and had the privilege of training the summer help. Ron was one of those many guys I worked with through the years. I can not remember what year that was but Don made me crack the whip. Those kids were fun!

Later if my memory serves me right, in 1992 Don, Betty Masterson, Wayne Peterson and I all retired from Marathon Pipeline Company.in Casper. Don was always performing tricks at our retirement parties showing us all his ability to balance items on his head. Well anyway that probably did not make much sense to only a select few.

Jackie and I send our condolences and please know our thoughts are with you at this trying time

Jerry and Jackie Logan in St. George, Utah.

Jerry Logan - September 24, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JF

“ Dear Bette, Skip and Ron, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know we wish we could be with you during this time.
Jan and Bill

jan fawley - September 15, 2015 at 08:24 PM

JO

“ My name is Joliene Wing Olson. I live in Winona, Minnesota now but grew up in Hamilton Dome, Wyoming and went to high school with Don in Thermopolis, Wyoming. We were friends and I remember him with fondness. I don't really have any stories to tell but I always enjoyed seeing him at reunions. It is with deep sadness that I learn now of his passing. Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss. It is hard knowing we are reaching that point of uncertainty about our future. God love him and all of you, his family.



Joliene - September 15, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MK

“ Bette, Skip and Ron you have our condolences and sympathy for the loss of Don. So many memories, it's hard to know where to begin. He taught me so many things about pipeline engineering in my early years and the many hours we shared just talking pipeline business allowed us numerous hours of time well spent together. Don was a really happy person and all my memories of him are good ones. Don, who must have had a PHD in memorized limericks could fill the evening with tons of fun and laughter, many of us pipeliners were well entertained far into the evenings. Remembering the Golf, pipeline discussions, his big brass horn with some great tunes down at the lounge in Casper and limericks by the 000s will continue to remind me of his happy ways and the many good times we had. Remember the words he often spoke when you first saw him; "Hi There" with a smile on his face. He will always be fondly remembered. Miriam and Jon.

Miriam & Jon Kinnison - September 15, 2015 at 12:35 AM

KA

“ Dear Skip and family-- am so sorry for your loss. I'm happy for you that you were able to spend some time together before his passing. My heart and prayers are with you. Katey Cobb

Katey - September 11, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Stanley Sailors.



September 11, 2015 at 11:40 AM

JT

“ We will never forget this kind and gentle man. Knowing Don was a gift.

Julia Terrizzi - September 10, 2015 at 07:17 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Don Stanley Sailors



Chrissy - September 10, 2015 at 01:02 PM

JT

We will never forget this wonderful gentle man. Frank & Julia

julia Twrrizzi - September 10, 2015 at 07:13 PM

AB

Sending you prayers and thinking of all of you. Love, Aleta

Aleta Breese - September 11, 2015 at 02:03 PM

AF

My cousin Don, was such a gentle and wonderful man. I wish we could have lived nearer so I could have done more with and for him RIP dear Don. We will miss you. I pray for comfort and peace for the family, especially Bette, Ron and Skip.

Anita Franklin - September 13, 2015 at 12:21 PM

EE

*Bette (B'ann) Skip, Ron & all Sailors Family,
Thinking of you, with Love and Sympathy. So Sorry for your Grief in the loss of Don. We hope as you are missing him, also knowing he is now in the Love, Peace & Joy of Heaven, gives you Comfort.
We will all miss Don's unique loving personality that all those knowing him enjoyed.*

Love You All, Elva & Harold Ellis

Elva Ellis - September 14, 2015 at 10:48 AM

PR

Don was a mentor, colleague and friend with a will to work thru those "character building" challenges of pipeline construction. We enjoyed tipping a pint and to my knowledge still holds the American Indoor Guinness Drinking Record of 14 pints. I'm thankful to have known Don.

Love to Bette, Skip and Ron in this time of celebrating Don's life.

Phil & Rhonda Ross

PHILIP E ROSS - September 24, 2015 at 12:35 AM

AF

Very special thoughts and prayers for all as you gather for a memorial to dear Don. Anita and Roland

anita franklin - September 25, 2015 at 02:17 PM

VH

Many good memories of high school with Don. One will always stick in my mind. Don, his brother Dave. Jim Tschiffely and I went to the Grass Creek Mountains during XMas break. We took Don's Dodge ??? and a sleeping bag apeice and our .22 rifles--Nothing else. We were going to spend several days roughing it and living off the land. We killed one squirrel, froze to death the first and only night and got stuck on the way home. Still laughed about it for weeks. Great friend and a super nice person.

Vince Hanson, Thermopolis, Wy

Vince Hanson - September 25, 2015 at 11:26 PM