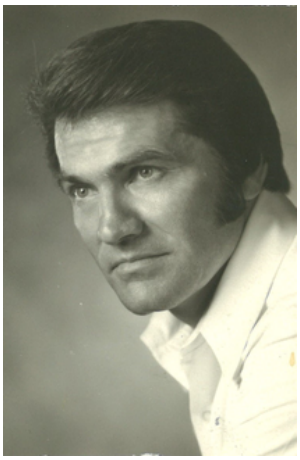


Don Guest Cowley

June 24, 1932 ~ October 29, 2023

Don was born June 24, 1932, to Willard and Verna Cowley. He died peacefully at home after being diagnosed with cancer a month earlier.

He lived a full and happy life. He served in the Navy after high school. He married Charlotte Greenwood and had five children. They divorced but remained good friends. He married Sharon Green on September 26, 1981, and they were later sealed in the temple.

Don served in the Navy reserves and then active duty on the USS Jason. He has maintained contact with two of his shipmates over the years. He made friends wherever he went. People loved and respected him and in turn he showed respect and caring to everyone he met.

He got his first gym membership when he was 18 years old and had a current membership at the time of his death. Being active and healthy was especially important to him. Don had many friends at the gym. He loved power lifting but regretted it as his back and shoulders gave him problems later in life.

He pitched fast pitch softball most of his life. He gave it up when he was in his 60s. He loved fast cars and raced his ’55 Chev at Bonneville Raceway. He would drag State Street looking for anyone who thought they could beat him.

Don loved boating, hunting, and just being in the mountains. He and Sharon had a special group of friends they traveled with.

He loved animals, spoiled his dogs, fed the birds in the backyard, and got upset at the crows and cats in the neighborhood for killing the baby quail in the spring.

He genuinely loved his friends and family. The world will not be the same without him. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Special thank you to Barbara, Shauntel, and Kaylee (Good Shepherd Hospice) for their kindness and the exceptional care given to Don and our family. Thank you also to LeeAnn Johnson for her months of care.

Don is preceded in death by son Brett, sister LaRue Kevern, and brother Richard Cowley. Survived by his broken-hearted wife Sharon; children Teri Moosman, Cheryl Cowley, Todd Cowley, Lisa Shipley (Thayne Hughes); grandchildren William Argyle, Brandon Shipley (Tobie), Ron Shipley (Courtney Mamani), Thomas Shipley, Don Cowley; sisters-in-law Kathleen Green, Connie Green, Christine Green, Claudia Green; first wife Charlotte Mulder; five great-grandchildren; niece & nephews Gregory and Ann Kevern, Kent and Connie Kevern, Kurt and Kim Kevern, and Verlyn Linford.

Visitation with family and friends will take place Thursday, November 9, from 6-8 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S. in Sandy. The funeral will be held Friday, November 10, at 1 PM at Valley Park Chapel, 5750 S. Nena Way, Murray. The service will be livestreamed and can be accessed by clicking the "Watch Services" button above.

Don chose to be cremated. We ask in lieu of flowers you please do a random act of kindness.