



Donald Owen Caddy

July 7, 1926 ~ January 3, 2024

Donald Owen Caddy, 97, passed from this life on January 3, 2024, of complications due to age.

Don was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 7th 1926, the son of Alfred and Amy Barrus Caddy. He attended Granite High School graduating in 1944. Joining the Navy that same year he served in the South Pacific on the island of Guam. When the war ended, Don stayed in Guam working in naval supply until his discharge in 1946. Throughout Don's life he was an avid fisherman and hunter. He bowled in leagues for 50 years and was a champion poker player. He always said he learned math from card games while crossing the ocean to and from Guam. He was active into his 90's, and looked forward to his weekly Friday Wendover trip to play poker, and entertaining family and friends with his many life stories.

He was also an accomplished pianist along with brother Duane. They played together on a radio show and in church. Asked to play prelude music they very enthusiastically performed their rendition of Hungarian Rhapsody, and while the Bishop found it to be a beautiful performance he thought it a bit boisterous for church.

Don worked for Salt Lake Flour Mills and retired after 38 years.

In 2015 Don participated in the WWII veterans Honor Flight to Washington DC accompanied by Sterling Purcell, a Vietnam Veteran. Don often remarked that the trip was his greatest adventure. He was proud to have served and always wore his WWII Veterans ball cap.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Duane, and long time partner Elaine Purcell.

He is survived by Sterling Purcell and Malcolm [Kris] Purcell, Elaines sons but to whom he became a father, nephew Deon Caddy [Lisa], niece Kathleen Caddy Withy, grandchildren Timothy Purcell [Jessica], and Emily McLaughlin [Mark] and great grandchildren Jonathan Purcell, Jacob McLaughlin and Sophia McLaughlin.

Don and Elaine loved to dance and spent weekends dancing throughout the Salt Lake Valley.

We have loved and been honored to have Don as part of our family.

We would like to thank the wonderful staff at Chancellor Gardens in Clearfield who became his friends and extended family, and Thomas and his group from A-Plus Hospice who went above and beyond to care for Don. He loved each and every one of you. We are forever grateful.

Have fun dancing through the stars with Elaine, Don. We love you!

A graveside service will be held January 12, 2024 at 12:00pm at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 E 4580 S, Millcreek, UT.