



## Donald "Don" Schlichting Wachlin

August 12, 1948 - December 30, 2011

Donald Schlichting Wachlin was born on August 12, 1948 to Donald Frank Wachlin and Anita Viola Schlichting Wachlin in Newberg, Oregon. He died at the age of sixty-three on the morning of December 30, 2011, also in Newberg. He attended parochial school at St. Paul Lutheran and graduated from the Sherwood school system. Don then went to George Fox College where he met his future wife, Margaret Palm. They were married on June 15, 1969 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sherwood. They went on to work the land of his family's dairy farm where he and Margaret lived their whole married life with daughter Mary, who was born on January 21, 1979. In 1985 they established their new enterprise Gramma's Place, which would blossom into the well known and loved community farm fresh produce market, Gramma's Place at Schlichting Century Farms. With their daughter Mary, they were the fourth and fifth generations of Schlichtings to work this acreage. He was a faithful, God-fearing member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, holding many positions over the years, including Sunday School Superintendent, serving on the preschool board, and was currently an elder and the cemetery sexton. Aside from his church activities, he was also an active member of the TriCounty Farm Fresh Guide Board and Pacific Northwest Direct Farm Marketing Board. He and Margaret enjoyed putting together the annual Oregon farm market tours for the latter. He was a master networker and organizer, contributing to both groups for over twenty years. Amidst it all, he found time to fit ten years (1973-1983) to serve as a volunteer firefighter for Midway Fire District. Don was a

devoted family man and was lovingly called "Uncle Don" by friends and family alike. He loved his grand-nephews as his own grandchildren and treated all of his many nieces and nephews as if they were his own. He was a loving husband and father, devoted to the end. Don was also, quite notably, one of the final integral puzzle pieces of Sherwood's waning agricultural foundation. An era passes with him and he will be deeply and dearly missed by all whose lives he touched. Uncle Don is survived by: his wife Margaret Loretta Palm Wachlin; his daughter Mary Elizabeth Wachlin Otte; brother, Alan; and three sisters, Judy, Nina and Kelly. He was preceded in death by his sister Kim, his brother Jon, and his parents Donald and Anita. Viewings will be held at Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, January 4, from noon to 5 pm and Thursday, January 5, from 10am to 5pm. The funeral will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sherwood, Oregon on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 10am, interment to follow. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer a donation to be made in Donald's name to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund. Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Margaret and Family, Lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Linda and Max Wert

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**Linda Wert** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. What a great guy was Don! He will be so missed. He is an Infinite Being safely back in the arms of the angels.

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**Dan & Susie Wilson** - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Margaret and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Don will certainly be missed. We enjoyed seeing him around the family farm or running into him for a chat. May you be comforted in knowing that others care. Sincerely, Erhardt and Joy Steinborn

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**Erhardt and Joy Steinborn** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ We were both shocked and very sorry to here of Don's death he has always been in an odd sort of way apart of our family and much respected by us all. He was the first person to hire our eldest son, Norman, and help him learn about hard work and responsibility - bucking bales when we lived in the little grey house on the corner. Neither of us feel we can express our feelings of loss, in words to you, but he will be remembered with kindness by all he touched. We regret being unable to attend the funeral as we will be out of town though our thoughts and prayers are with you all. George and Jennie McAdams

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**George and Jennifer McAdams** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Margaret and Mary, We can not imagine your pain and loss. We are amongst the many that respected, admired and loved your partner, friend and daddy. Please if there is anything... My God be with you Trish and John McGuire

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**Trish & John McGuire** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Margaret, I will always remember the fun and sometimes funny times we had on the trips I went on with you and Don. Especially the time we had to go down some scary alley ways, a couple of times, to get to the restaurant you and I were completely lossed, but Donny KNEW where he was going. I will treasure the time I helped him with the Uncle Don"s Pumpkin Popper. I have always considered him one of my favorite cousins. I am going to greatly miss him. Love you Your cousin, Phyllis

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**Phyllis Williams** - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Margaret, I can't begin to tell you the sadness I feel for you and Mary. My heart breaks for both of you. You have lost a very special husband and father, and all of us have lost a very special friend. God did his best work when he made Don and I feel so priviledged to have known him. He will be missed by so very many.....Please let me know what I can do to help you and I look forward to seeing you again on my next trip west. I am so very sorry that Don has left his earthly home, but am confident that he is watching over you both from his heavenly home. With sincere sympathy, Sue

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**Sue Herba** - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Sorry about your loss. we will miss Dons Face at grandmas this year and many more to come. we are thinking of you. Hang in there. always Dorothy, Steve and Cliff

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**dorothy jones,steve salvatore& cliff Jones** - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM