



## Donald W. Buhl

February 1, 1943 - February 22, 2015

### DON BUHL

Don was born February 1, 1943 in Visalia, California to Hubert and Marie Buhl. He and his brothers, Bob and Roger, grew up on a ranch located on Lovers Lane. He attended Mt. Whitney High School. Don was in the Army Reserves and attended C.O.S., Cal Poly, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Fresno State. He paid for college by working as a ranch hand and repairing cars. His passion for cars continued throughout his life.

Building was another passion of Don's. He partnered with Ron McIntosh to form Buhl and McIntosh. His brother, Bob, also joined the business. Together they built, developed, and managed properties over the years with Buhl Construction.

Don was a lifelong learner who couldn't pass up a conversation, was never in a hurry, and stopped at every construction site he passed. Everything in life, to him, was a lesson.

Don married his wife, Karen, on December 3, 1977. They raised 4 children, in Visalia, on a small ranch.

On December 1, 2006 Don was blessed with a heart transplant through Stanford. He amazed his family and friends with his courage and optimism on a daily basis.

Don is survived by his wife, Karen, and his children: Denise (Casey), Mark (Ann), Amy (Spencer), and Erin (Todd); his 9 grandchildren: Alyssa, Brogan,

Sydney, Riley, Ethan, Sierra, Reese, Elliot, and Rowan.

Don will be remembered as a Christian family man, a brother, friend, and wonderful Opa/Grandpa. He joined his Lord and Savior on February 22, 2015. Rosary will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel on Saturday, March 8, 2015 at 6pm. A Christian Mass will be on March 9th at 10am at St. Mary's, in Visalia. Burial will be at Visalia District Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at the Elks' Lodge at noon.

# Cemetery Details

## Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93291  
visaliacemetery@aol.com  
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

# Previous Events

## Rosary

**MAR 8.** 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Funeral Mass

**MAR 9.** 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA  
608 N. Church Street  
Visalia, CA 93291  
<http://tccov.org/st-marys/>

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Bob and Janet Hamar purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald W. Buhl.*



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**Bob and Janet Hamar** - March 09, 2015 at 03:13 PM

TC

“ *My heart and prayer's are with you. Don was such a kind and gentle man and a man of God. He always had time to stop and talk with you. One of the the thing's I rember the most is when my husband died and her was there to surport me it is something I'll nerver forget. Know that in this time of hurt and sadness my prayer's and thoughts.*  
*Tedi Cocagne*

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**Tedi Cocagne** - March 08, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. Buhl.*



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March 05, 2015 at 03:03 PM

CP

“ Dear Karen and Family,  
I was so saddened to hear of Don's passing. I worked with Karen at Crestwood School and always enjoyed hearing about her lovely family and meeting Don now and then when he would come into the school office. Karen would often share family stories and make us laugh as many of us could relate her stories to our own families. Family was very important to both Karen and Don and I know their love and wonderful memories will help them through this difficult time.

With Love,  
Kenny and Cheryl Peterson

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**Cheryl Peterson** - March 05, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald W. Buhl.



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March 05, 2015 at 12:07 PM

KJ

“ I have so many great memories of working with Don and my days at Buhl and McIntosh. It's hard to believe it was over 30 years ago. The crazy stories from our tenants, the pool business, the beautiful homes we built and our great clients. I will forever cherish the memories and laughter we shared back then as well as the knowledge I gained from three fabulous men. You family is in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

Roger and Karyl Johnson

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**Karyl Johnson** - March 03, 2015 at 03:33 PM

CG

“ Don, my dear friend, this quote says it all. " God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered Come to ME". Also "Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them but you know they're always there". You are among the stars, now shinning bright. Those wings must look good on you, custom made I'm sure. Peace and Love to all Buhl family.

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**Clyde Garrison** - February 28, 2015 at 04:19 PM