



Donald LeRoy Patton

November 17, 1933 - July 23, 2020

Donald L. Patton, age 86, died Thursday, July 23, 2020 at his Lewisburg Home. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturidan.com

Tribute Wall

DR

“ I am just now learning about Don's passing, but wanted to share what he meant to me. Don was gracious enough to help 2 OSU college girls with boarding their horses at his farm in the mid-70's. Our horses were at the brand new OSU horse barn, but there was no turnout yet available there. My friend was in pre-vet, heard about Don as a potential person who may be able to board our horses. He accepted our 2 horses! What a blessing, an experienced horseman with a son and daughter who were equally experienced youngsters. Don was full of tips and always willing to share his knowledge. I remember once I was out of hoof ointment, Don gave me a homemade, tried and true recipe for making hoof ointment he'd used for decades. After graduation, I was going to the UW for graduate work in forestry, of course I wanted to take my horse with me...Don immediately offered to haul my horse clear up to Bothell, Wa. to the boarding facility.

He was a man of integrity, courage, thoughtfulness and patience. I observed how his love of his son and daughter, gave him the strength to carry on after the horrific auto accident that took his wife's life, and nearly took his daughter's life. Don, I will never forget you. Thank you for being a stellar father, husband, teacher, horseman, and friend to all who were fortunate enough to have you in their lives.

Denison Rauw & Monty

Denison Rauw - July 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ I'm a bit late in posting this, having just heard of his passing. Mr. Patton was my Drafting and Wood Shop teacher at Central High, but more than that. He was someone who had a big impact on my life. I was that kid who wanted to be anywhere but in school and when I was in school, I likely wasn't doing what I was supposed to be doing. On one particular day in second-period drafting class, I was flirting with a girl when he had entered the classroom behind me. He clapped me on the shoulder and said “ Mr. Berry, I figure I owe everybody one. You've had yours”. The funny thing is, I never did know if he was talking about the flirting in class, that I had skipped first period, or the chew in my lip.

He was fair, plain-spoken, compassionate, and I and many others are better for having known him.

He was a good man.

Scott Berry - March 24, 2022 at 06:17 PM

MH

“ Our horses neighbored with Don's horses for 20 years. The horses helped us make introductions to Don. We shared fencing maintenance and horse tales every summer. Don occasional advised and helped us keep our pasture healthy and productive. He always had a compliment, wisdom and story to tell. He was funny and curious about people and so many aspects of life. We bought hay from him in early June. He told us then, "I think this is the last year I will do hay". He ranched and farmed right up to the end, a good life and a good neighbor we will miss. Blessings and peace to all the Patton family
Marci and Frank

marci hinde - December 02, 2020 at 08:47 PM

TK

“ I KNEW DON FROM NAPA AND HE WAS MY HUSBANS TEACH, HE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND ALWAY SMILEY.. I WILL MISS SEEING HIS FACE. SENDING LOVE FROM TAMMY AND KAYLA KANODE.

Tammy Kanode - September 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM

MM

“ Don was a long time friend of our family! He was truly a craftsman and could build anything. At my last encounter with him he delivered a high workbench, accessible to my wheelchair, for my shop all the way from Lewisburg to our place by Adair with his lift truck. The bench was made from a solid core that I plan to keep forever. He was a guy that was just fun to be around because of his stories and colorful way of speaking. He will truly be missed!

Mike Mullett and the Mullett family

Mike Mullett - August 27, 2020 at 01:47 PM

BR

“ Hello, Bless the family and friends! Mr Patton had a wonderful smile and giggle! Great teacher at Central High in Independence, Oregon!
Barb Connelly Roberts

Barb Connelly Roberts - August 08, 2020 at 06:54 PM

RV

“ I will miss Don's friendly smile, he always had a great story or some words of wisdom. He was always very thankful and trusted me to repair his Omni loader. He was a very good person.
Ron VanSpeybrock

Ron VanSpeybrock - August 05, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DC

“ I couldn't tell you too many things about Don's early life, but I'm sure some of his mules could. And, my brief interactions with him and his wife over the years were always delightful and much anticipated.

Don. See dictionary: Warm-hearted and common sense.

I'm still finding it ironic that he died 10 days before Wilford Brimley. Both 86 years old. Homespun is another good word for them both.

I will miss Don and the homespun conversations.

Doug Crotty

DOUGLAS P CROTTY - August 04, 2020 at 04:46 PM

CV

“ I always liked talking with Don. Seems he always had a sensible answer for many of my questions. Anywhere from raising kids to building fence to settling a nervous horse. Or even how to deal with people oddly enough 😊. Will miss him dearly, looked forward to hearing more of his stories and listening to his wisdom.

This will have to wait until the next time around! Rest In Peace Don. 🙏🇺🇸

Charlie Vesper - August 03, 2020 at 09:29 PM

RR

“ I will miss Dons happy smiling face. We were industrial arts classmates at OSC - 1950s. Roy Rider

roy rider - August 01, 2020 at 11:42 AM