



Donald Owen Hayen

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Donald O. Hayen, age 85, passed away in the early morning hours of December 31, 2019 after a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's. Don was born in Marion, Kansas to Florence and Fred Hayen joining a family of six brothers and one sister. After graduating from Parsons Jr. College and Kansas University Don was accepted to KU Medical School graduating year in 1959.

After joining the Navy, Don would begin a three year Dermatology residency at San Diego Navy Hospital. After having fulfilled his service commitment he would resign from the Navy in 1968 maintaining reserve status until reserve retirement in 1993. In 1970 Don opened private practice, retiring in 1995.

In 2004 Don's wife and daughter became concerned about his health. In 2005 he began treatment for a mild level of impairment using medicines that at the time were being used for Alzheimer's. Don's disease decline was very slow. During these years Don took an active part in the San Diego Alzheimer's Association program offering to speak to any group wanting to learn more about this disease that had no cure. He also wrote a blog titled "the trip over" receiving questions and responses from people in distant countries. He and his wife participated for six years in a UCSD Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Research program and as a last thing he could do to contribute to research, he donated his brain to the UCSD Center upon his death.

Don is survived by his wife Jane, daughter Jennifer (John), son Chris (Laura), brother James (Connie), six grandchildren: Kevin, Andrea, Allison, Adam, Justin, and Travis; two great grandchildren:
Maverick and Stryker.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday , Feb 1 , 2020, at 1:00 p. m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, at Christ Presbyterian Church at 7807 Centella Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009.



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If you would like to make a donation in Don's name, please consider these two programs that are focused on helping people learn about this disease and focuses on early detection. San Diego Alzheimer's Association Center, 5075 Shoreham Place #240, San Diego, CA 92122 or Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive STE C-129, La Jolla, CA 92037.




Events


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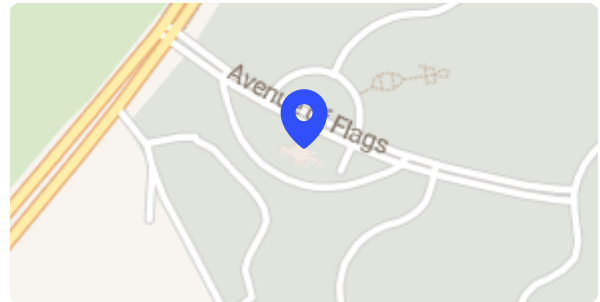
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Burial with Military Honors

 **Friday**, January 31, 2020

 9:30 AM PT


 **Miramar National Cemetery**
5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego CA 92122

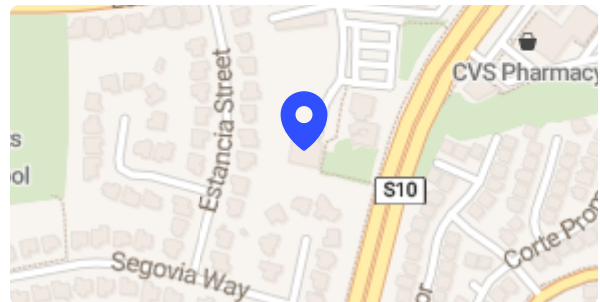


Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 1, 2020

 1:00 PM PT

 **Christ Presbyterian Church**
7807 Centella St., Carlsbad CA 92009





Tribute Wall

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JD

Jenny Dons Daughter posted:

I was blessed to be with my dad as he took his last breath. He was the most amazing dad. He was also my longest best friend.

April 1 at 7:57 PM

JG

Jenny Gaines posted:

My Dad was my best friend. I loved sailing and skiing with him, but most of all I loved going anywhere with him in the car. One year we all drove to the mountains for Christmas . My sons were just three and six months. When we got there , after three hours of driving, we put the babies to bed and started putting the toys together. We realized that my son Travis would receive a big Jeep from Santa that was missing a part. This toy was drivable, but I was adamant that we needed to go back and get the part from mom and dads garage. Dad grabbed the keys and said " We will be back at sunrise. I don't remember what we talked about for six hours I just remembered how much fun that trip was. I was the only one in the room when dad took his last breath at 4:19 AM . He made the choice to let go without his wife of over sixty years. Dad knew I could handle it. I never met my Grandma Florence. Still I knew it was her presence in the room at that moment. She came for her little boy who adored her. I knew it was her because Dad had talked about her and how much he loved her. Dad and I loved getting together for lunch back in the day. It was at our favorite Chinese restaurant that he gave me the greatest compliment I've ever gotten. He said " You are such a good mother, you remind me of my mom, we would get into some kind of trouble and your grandmother would never accept that we could do any wrong. She loved us so much and her heart was so big" I cried when he said that. I will never forget it. So you see I did know it was her that came for him. Her energy was pure light and love. I miss you daddy every day and I will see you soon,Jenny

March 20 at 10:22 PM

JG

Jenny Gaines March 20 at 10:30 PM

Charla, Sara and Todd thank you so much for the flowers, I didn't know until just now that you sent them. That was very kind. I miss dad so much every day. God bless and thank you.

CH

Charla Hayen, Tara Hayen Bell, Todd Hayen sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hayen family.



January 27 at 9:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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