



## Donald Walton

May 26, 1935 - February 2, 2013

Donald (Don) Walton, Dad died on February 2nd, 2013 in Santa Barbara CA, after a lengthy illness. Don was born on May 26th, 1935 in Blythe CA, to Virginia Bernice Phillips and Hugh Walter Walton. Don grew up in Blythe and graduated from Blythe High School in 1952. Don often spoke of riding his horse "Boy" a wild Mustang to school, and even taking a shotgun to hunt with on his way home.

Don came to Santa Barbara in the summer of 1955 to work on a construction job. He met the love of his life, "Mary Alice (Bisol) Walton", in August of 1955 and after brief courtship of dining, dancing, movies and roller skating, they were married on November 2nd, 1955. The young couple settled in Carpinteria buying their first and only home in 1958. Don was known as a master of his trade as a "Land Surveyor". His career he started with Penfield and Smith, then he worked for Hugh Simpson and later for Joe Water's surveying where he retired from. You couldn't go anywhere in Santa Barbara County and beyond that Don wouldn't say" Hugh and I surveyed that" or "Joe and I surveyed that". This included the Santa Barbara Zoo's original construction. This led to a 10 year family pass to the zoo that the Walton's enjoyed dearly. Among Don's many hobbies were his love for music, playing his guitar and singing for his family, friends and dogs. He loved to camp, hike, kayak and the beach. In 1985 Don climbed Mount Whitney with his son Thomas and his Brother-in-law Lewis Venegas. In 1997 Don` kayaked a 100 mile section of the "Green River" with his son Thomas and Grandson Thomas

Jr. Don also loved his dogs, Gidget, Albert Sue, Duke, Molly, Max and Jackie. Don is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Alice (Bisol)Walton, his children, Deborah Walton McIntyre(Larry), Thomas Walton (Cheryl), Steven Walton (Michele deceased), Grandchildren Christine, Michael, Dale, Thomas Jr., Mick and Great Grandchildren Jacob and Dylan. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and Brothers Hugh Walton and Vern Walton. He will be missed, by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 16th, 1:00pm at the Carpinteria Community Church, 1111 Vallecito Rd. Carpinteria, CA 93013

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Mary and all of Don's Family: I was so glad to have been in Santa Barbara on the day of Don's Celebration of Life. I worked with Don years ago at Penfield & Smith as well as having contact with him when he worked for Hugh and Joe. I'll always remember him as a friend and a hard working surveyor. It was so good meeting some of you and seeing a big part of his life and who he was that I really didn't know. I too will miss him. God's blessings and peace for you all.*

*George Dumas*

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**George Dumas** - February 18, 2013 at 12:01 AM

KS

“ *My Condolences to all of Don's family. I'm truly sorry for your loss. Don was a great guy and a great Land Surveyor. I grew up working with my dad and Don from a young age and most of what I know about surveying, I was lucky enough to learn from the two of them. I know that Don had to have been a patient guy to take the time that he did with both my brother and me to teach us all of the things that we learned from him, (not to mention working with my dad as long as he did).*

*I can't remember all the times my dad and I would be driving down the road somewhere and he'd point in a direction and tell me all about which job it had been that he and Don done and always in great detail. Sound familiar? They did a lot of really good work over the years, and whenever a surveyor tells me that he recently followed one of my dad's old maps and found it to be very accurate, it makes me smile and I know that Don was usually the other half of that work. Don's value on a job certainly wasn't lost on my dad and I'm sure in his mind, Don was the high water mark to which other surveyors were compared.*

*Don was greatly missed when he retired and that was only a part of his life. He was obviously a great father and family man and that's the arena in which he will most be missed. I'll think about him often.*

*Ken Simpson*

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**Ken Simpson** - February 15, 2013 at 04:42 PM

TW

*That you Ken. I was a huge fan of your Dad. Many great memories. If you are ever in town I would love to share stories over a cup of coffee.*  
*Tom Walton*

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**Tom Walton** - February 18, 2013 at 08:09 PM

DI

“ *Dippy lit a candle in memory of Donald Walton*



**Dippy** - February 11, 2013 at 10:02 PM

NR

“ *Netta Rainer lit a candle in memory of Donald Walton*



**Netta Rainer** - February 10, 2013 at 10:11 PM

DH

“ *"Our paths crossed on the bluffs -- many wonderful conversations through the years for which I am grateful. Don, your spirit soars with the red tail hawk." Debbie Herrera*

**Debbie Herrera** - February 10, 2013 at 11:48 AM

DI

*Debbie,are you the the friend that my Dad met at the beach that wanted to know if he was part Indian? Are you from Bakersfield?*

**Dippy** - February 11, 2013 at 10:04 PM

 Joe Ayala

“ *Don you raised a great Son, so I know you did well. My condolences to your family*

**Joe Ayala** - February 09, 2013 at 05:07 PM

TW

*Thank You Joe. Your a great friend!!!*

**Tom Walton** - February 10, 2013 at 09:57 PM

KV

“ *Don, I didn't know you but I have met Mary and have been friends with Debbie for many years. Debbie is very nurturing, spiritual and loves life. These traits had to come from great parents. I know your family will miss you greatly but know you are with our Father in heaven. Kathy Vickers*

**Kathy Vickers** - February 08, 2013 at 07:53 AM

DE

*Thank you Kathy, it has blessing to have you for a friend.*

**Debbie** - February 11, 2013 at 10:06 PM

KG

“ *Uncle Don, inside that gentle, quiet, loving soul of yours was a great man who cared deeply for his family, was talented and entertaining, a man who stood by his roots and, funny enough you seemed a little bit country and a little bit rock and roll. You were cool enough to live the "California life" but so enjoyed the "Country life". When we lost our Dad at such a young age, you took over giving us comfort every time we were with you. You just seemed to ooze the Walton love and were a reminder to us of where we came from. I will truly miss your gentleness, your smile, stories and music. Enjoy your reunion in Heaven with the family until we all meet at the campfire. I love you and will hold you close in my heart.*



*Kathie Walton Gilstrap*

**Kathie Walton Gilstrap** - February 07, 2013 at 09:42 PM

TW

*Kathie, that was very sweet. Tom*

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**Thomas Walton** - February 07, 2013 at 10:20 PM

TW

“*Dad, you were a role model as a father and best friend. It is amazing to hear from different people how much you touched their lives. It is an honor to be your son.  
Love always, Tom*



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**Thomas Walton** - February 07, 2013 at 08:42 PM

MA

“*Going Grunion fishing down at the beach with Uncle Don. We will miss you greatly, You were a quiet spoken Man who enjoyed the outdoors, Camping and Fishing Showing us all Live life ti the fullest By enjoying what is around us.*

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**Michael Swaze Armstrong** - February 07, 2013 at 12:17 PM

DW

*I came across your Dad's passing, because of my name. Not that we ever met, But I share your dad's love of family, the outdoors, and music. Less on the dogs, and horses..... I hope you keep your memories of your dad safe. Don Walton (on the east coast @ 55yrs. ).....*

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**Dwalton** - February 11, 2013 at 07:00 PM