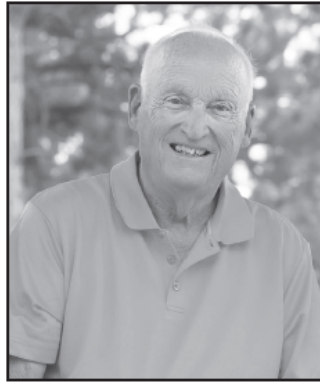


Donald Louis Hampton
August 30, 1935 - October 19, 2024



It is with profound sadness that the family of Donald L. Hampton announce his passing on the 19th day of October, 2024 at the age of 89 years. Don died following a brief illness in Tucson, Arizona.

Don was the oldest of five children born August 30, 1935 in Sioux City, Iowa to Wilma (Millage) and Harold Hampton

Immediately following graduation from Central High, Don traveled to San Antonio, Texas for his basic training with the Air National Guard. Upon his return, he married his high school sweetheart, Martha (Riley) and soon after moved to Newcastle. They enjoyed 67 ½ years together prior to her passing in 2021. He originally came to Wyoming following his father-in-law, Lyle Riley and worked as a ditch digger

for Voss Oil in Newcastle. He quickly advanced to managing the tool cage, then doing payroll and calculating share distributions for the oil well royalties. Just after his 21st birthday he was elected to the position of County Treasurer and served until 1964 when he was recruited into the banking industry and moved his family to Upton.

From his position in the bank, he was very active with the community of Upton, Weston County, and the surrounding ranches. He served as mayor for four years and was most proud of getting the curb, gutter and street paving completed. He was a founding member of the Cedar Pines Golf Course, active in the Upton Commercial Club, the Weston County Airport Board, Weston County Development Board, State Water Development Board, and the local Lodge. During his tenure at the bank, he completed his degree in banking from the University of Colorado. Don stayed with Union State Bank for 32 years before retiring for the first time. He subsequently joined Lincoln National Life and worked in the insurance business for a few more years before again retiring and becoming a full-time snowbird.

Don loved flying and was certified for multi-engine and instrument flight. His flying days actually started on the day his son was born ... going directly from the hospital to solo at Mondell Field. He also loved his old cars, buying and selling some true classics over the years.

Second only to his family, Don had a love for the Army and served for 22 years with the Wyoming Army National Guard before retiring as a Captain. During this time he was Commander of the Newcastle, Gillette, and Casper units. Since 22 years was not enough, he later spent another 20+ years working and traveling with the National Guard Employer Support Group. His third love was just that, travelling. He prided himself on having visited all 50 states and he and Martha enjoyed many cruises, and saw numerous foreign countries. Ultimately, their travels led them to Green Valley, Arizona where they lived as snowbirds between there and Upton for the last 27 years. He never knew a stranger and developed many close friendships with fellow snowbirds from around the country.

Don was so proud of the years he enjoyed with Martha and their immediate family: Julie Kershner of San Jose del Cabo, Mexico and Steve (Christi) Hampton of Upton; grandchildren Chad Kershner of San Jose del Cabo, Candice (David) Watt of Upton, Riley (LaShel) Hampton of Newcastle, and Melissa Hampton of Spearfish, South Dakota, as well as eight great-grandchildren: Olivia, Kendall and Greyson; Keaton, Fletcher, and Tripp; Hudsynn and Kellan.

He was preceded in death by his wife Martha, his parents Wilma and Harold, his sister Beverly Crowder, brother-in-law Richard Fitzgerald and many, very close friends. He is survived by his immediate family, his sister Phyllis Fitzgerald of Lowden, Iowa, brothers Ronald (Carole) Hampton of Lake Havasu, Arizona, and Harold "Butch" (Carolyn) Hampton of Las Vegas, Nevada; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A celebration of life and private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memories and condolences can be shared at <https://www.evergreenmortuary-cemetery.com/obituaries/Donald-Hampton-12/#!/TributeWall>