



Donald Woodrow Cate

September 3, 1945 - March 28, 2026

Donald Woodrow Cate, born September 3, 1945, in Omak, Washington, passed away on March 28, 2026, in Yuma, Arizona.

Donald proudly served his country in the United States Army as a combat engineer in the Vietnam War. His service reflected the strength, resilience, and dedication that he carried with him throughout his life.

Following his military service, Donald built a life rooted in hard work and craftsmanship. He owned and operated his own business, Don's Woodworks, where his talent and passion for woodworking were evident in every piece he created. His work was more than a profession—it was a reflection of his pride, skill, and commitment to doing things right.

Donald had a deep love for the outdoors and found peace in nature. Whether working with his hands or spending time outside, he appreciated life's simple pleasures.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Cate of 52 years; his children Monica Rawson (Matthew Rawson) Donald Cate Jr. (Golita) Jeffery Whiteman (Stacia) Dale Cate; Brenda Smith. Nephew/Son Donovan Cate (Heidi) . Grand Children Emily Bramer (Hunter) Nathan Rawson (Laura), Asa, Ashley Crimin, Anthony, Daniel, Thomas, Aaron Whiteman, Orion, Jasmine, and Lilly Cate.

15 great-grandchildren, Adopted Son/neighbor/friend Mike Moreno (Norma)

Donald will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his craftsmanship, and the quiet strength he showed throughout his life. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication, love, and memories that will be cherished by all who knew him.

Services will be held at Tunk Valley Cemetery Friday, May 1st 2026 at 1 pm. With a potluck dinner following at the Tunk Valley Grange. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the VFW which he was a past adjutant and commander for the VFW and American Legion Post 56 In Okanogan.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Tunk Valley Cemetery
J.H. Green Rd
Riverside, WA 98849

Tribute Wall



“ Love Les and Linda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Woodrow Cate.



Love Les and Linda - April 28 at 03:10 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald Woodrow Cate.



April 26 at 08:24 PM



“ He was an amazing daddy, papa, uncle and person. I miss you



Monica Cate-Rawson - April 10 at 09:24 PM



Jeff - April 11 at 10:54 AM

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“ Today I say goodbye to a man who was more than just my stepdad —he was my friend.

Don Cate welcomed me into his life not just as family, but as someone he cared for and stood beside. Over the years, we shared conversations, laughs, and the kind of quiet moments that meant more than words. He was a man of strength, skill, and integrity— someone who worked hard, loved deeply, and didn't need recognition to do the right thing.

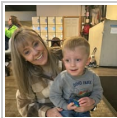
I'll always remember his craftsmanship, his love for the outdoors, and the way he carried himself with quiet pride. He taught by example, and those lessons will stay with me.

I'm grateful to have been part of his life, and even more grateful that he was part of mine.

Rest easy, Don. You will be missed more than words can say.



Miguel Moreno - April 10 at 06:24 PM



He loved you so much 💕

Monica Cate-Rawson - April 10 at 09:19 PM

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Jeff - April 11 at 10:55 AM