

Don Dean -- 1928 - 2007

Don was born in Seattle but his family moved to Whittier, CA when he was 12. In high school he gained fame for his yoyo tricks combined with playing the violin. He spent two years at Stanford, then transferred to Michigan State where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering and met MaryJane. They were married while he was in basic training for the Korean War. He became a nuclear technologist at Sandia Weapons base in Albuquerque, NM, graduated from OCS and was assigned to Chaumont, France. They lived in nine states before settling in San Carlos where they raised three children. Don started his own business importing and manufacturing pneumatic tools. Don died on July 18, 2007.