

COSBY, Donald James - It is with great sadness that the family of Don Cosby announces his passing on Thursday, October 10, 2013, after a short illness, in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Connie for over 35 years. Loving father of Jay, Jess, Craig and Scott (deceased). Stepfather to Rocky and Rick. Dear brother of Orval Cosby (Sandy), Ilene Thompson (Ward - deceased), Marilyn Heppner (Ken). Predeceased by his parents Orval and Mabel Cosby. Survived by grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, cousins and in-laws. Don retired from Berkley Iceland Arena in California. He also skated a number of years with the Ice Capades and also served two years in the U.S. Army. There was no formal service and cremation has taken place.

Don's sister Marilyn (Cosby) Heppner added more information on Don and wanted to share it with you.

Don Cosby who skated with Ice Capades, joining them in 1953, and then was drafted and skated in Garmisch with Bob Leduc and Jimmy Grogan, etc. returned to Capades and then left to work for Bob Skrak at Berkeley Iceland where he introduced BJ (Betty Jean Clark) and Ted (Moehnke) and was in their wedding. When Bob retired, Don became manager until he retired and evenually moved to Tucson. He was diagnosed about Sept. 18th with an inoperable mass in the stomach and sent home with hospice. He died on Oct. 10th. Just 3 weeks from time of diagnosis. He would have been 83 at the end of October.