



## Donald Benedict Kotlarz

March 26, 1933 - July 22, 2013

Donald B. Kotlarz, 80, a Moses Lake resident passed away Monday, July 22, 2013 at Samaritan Hospital. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Don was born in Arcadia, Wisconsin on March 26, 1933, son of the late Stanley and Esther (Sobotta) Kotlarz. He retired as Vice President of Reservations for Northwest Airlines. Survivors include his siblings, Mary (Russ) Thomas, Yakima, Diane (Dennis) Hill, Hansville, Washington, Virginia Kramer, Winona, Minnesota and Steve (Barbara) Kotlarz, Yakima; longtime friend, Jim Pfeiffer, Moses Lake. Besides his parents, Don was preceded in death by two brothers, Lavern Kotlarz and Wayne Kotlarz and one brother-in-law, Jim Kramer.

# Tribute Wall



“ Don was a soft spoken gentle person who was always up for a good laugh. I would call him "Mr. Blue Eyes" as he had the loveliest pair of eyes, and his hair! What a combination! Don has left us with many warm memories for which I thank him.##imported-begin##Sylvia Murillo##imported-end##

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July 26, 2013 at 11:38 AM



“ I will miss Don. We had many wonderful dinners with Jim and Ken at their lovely home. He was always such a delight; quiet and always a gentleman but funny also. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Christine Harrington##imported-end##

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July 25, 2013 at 05:12 PM



“ To friends and family of Don I send my deepest sympathy. May all of us find peace in the wonderful memories we have of Don and all those years involved with him in the airline business. May God bless us all.##imported-begin##Opal Morgan Gilmore##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 08:33 PM



“ May you find comfort at this sad time. Don, was at all times a gentleman, a calming presents among us.He will be missed. Ed & Sandy##imported-begin##Ed Riederich##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 08:12 PM



“ I worked for Don in Portland in the West Coast Airline reservation office. He was such a nice man, treated me very well. We had a lot of laughs, took me to a fancy airline party in a tux and brought me a corsage! Best dressed at the gala!! Very sorry to hear of Don's passing.##imported-begin##Diane Dixon Horton##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 06:25 PM



“ Don was the assistant manager when I worked for Air West Airlines in 1968. He sat at the head of the reservation office and was always so quiet and composed, and had the bluest of eyes! It is hard to imagine him at 80; in my mind he will always be a young man.##imported-begin##Denny Doyle McDougall##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ It's with great sadness I just learned of Don's passing. He was such a wonderful person & leader for us in our airline careers. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of the family. It's hard to imagine a world without him in it. He always had a smile for each of us & I'm so grateful for having had the pleasure of having him be a part of my life.

God Bless all as you mourn his passing.

Naoma Britten,

Spring Hill, Fl.##imported-begin##Naoma Mason Britten##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 01:47 PM



“ In 1970 you and Jim Davenport gave me an opportunity to serve in reservations with West Coast Airlines when I was furloughed as a pilot.

Thank you Don, you will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Ray L. Dahl##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 06:23 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. For a 19 year old kid Don was a great boss when I started with Hughes Airwest. My condolences to Don's family.##imported-begin##Jim McDowell##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 01:04 AM



“ Condolences to Don's family.  
We were so fortunate to have Don amongst Us. Always smiling, ready to help and a what a snappy dresser and great Manager. I have many fun memories of Don, As each of us do. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Sandy marsh##imported-end##

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July 24, 2013 at 12:53 AM



“ My sympathies to your family.  
Don was a sweet quiet wonderful man that I was fortunate to have worked for while at Hughes Airwest/Republic Airlines.

*I loved seeing him and speaking with him a few years ago at a Airwest reunion.*

*So very sorry for your loss. He really was a wonderful person that I will always think of with a smile. Thank you for sharing him with us in Seattle.##imported-begin##Jennifer Sato##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2013 at 11:39 PM



“ My thoughts of comfort and sympathy go to Don's family. I joined AirWest in 1969 and was so glad to have a great guy in our Reservation office on Westlake Ave N in Seattle and at the SEATAC office when it then changed to Republic Airlines. He and I went to the same Neil Diamond Concert and we talked about it for days at work. He will always be in my heart as a mentor. God Bless.##imported-begin##Diane Edwards - Watanabe##imported-end##

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July 23, 2013 at 11:39 PM



“ Don, RIP, you will be missed! You were a great guy. I recall the last time I saw you in Moses Lake. You were so happy, fit and loving life. We laughed ourselves silly remembering old times. So glad I have these memories of you.##imported-begin##Mrian Wilson##imported-end##

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July 23, 2013 at 10:14 PM