

Here's to the hinges of friendship.

..... May they never rust!

Marilyn Booker Smith



Born in 1924 in Bremerton, Washington, DONALD HOWARD ALEXANDER was the third child of Irene and Ernest Alexander. Following graduation from Garfield High School in Seattle, Don served 3 years in the Navy. After honorable discharge, he worked for the Postal Service. During this employment, he was united in marriage with VERA HAWKINS in 1951; from this union their daughter, JUDITH, was born.

Leaving the postal service, Don returned to school to attend the University of Washington where he received a BA in Finance. In 1962 he was hired by the Seattle First National Bank where he was one of the first Black management trainees in a major banking facility in the State of Washington. During this employment he continued education at the Pacific Coast School of Banking, graduating with honors.

A notable accomplishment during these years was Don's writing and publishing of two books on banking.

Don's passing in 1989 left a void in many lives. His energy and enthusiasm during ROOTS celebrations will always be remembered.

In loving memory of Don,
from his
Wife, Verna Hawkins Alexander;
Daughter, Judith Ann Alexander;
Mother, Irene Harvey Alexander.

