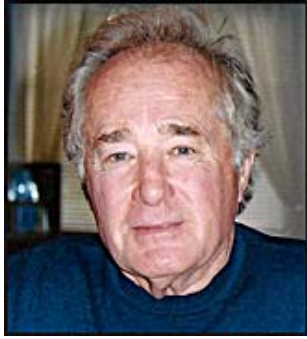

Donald Everett Courtion

Donald Everett COURTION "There but for the Grace of God, Go I" Don was passionate about life! Although leukemia took him on 7/7/11, he had a wonderful life. He was born on 12/8/34 in Los Angeles to Ernest and Ruby "Billie" Courtion, but grew up in Seattle. In 1952, he graduated from Franklin HS, where he made many life long friends. Don loved racing cars. From dragsters to Formula Ford and Formula Atlantic racing cars, he was a master behind the wheel. Don began his career with the Merchant Marines, but quickly followed his father's profession and ran a successful printing company, Agency Northwest, for nearly 20 years. He enjoyed skiing, scuba diving, horseback riding, bowling, sailing, sky diving, hiking, motorcycle riding, playing golf, running, weight lifting and playing the guitar. You name it, Don did it! But his greatest joy in life, were his daughters. Don was a dynamic individual who will be remembered for his honesty, loyalty and compassion for others. Without a doubt, Don put other people first. He is succeeded by Ildiko Palma, his partner, sister Doris Wilkinson, daughters Karen Rapp and Colette Courtion, granddaughter Alexis Rapp, his beloved dog Behr, and his many friends. May he be dancing in heaven right now with his parents, sister Marlene, and beautiful daughter Monique. He will be buried at Acacia Memorial Park in Lake

City. We invite those close to Don to celebrate his life on July 30 at 3:00pm at a private residence in Seattle. For directions, email ccourtion@comcast.net or call 206.390.0038.

Published in The Seattle Times on July 17, 2011
