



**Donald M. Donelson, Sr.**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> , 1936 – October 20<sup>th</sup> , 2009**

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Don Donelson's kind soul entered Heaven as the Lord peacefully called him home on that sunny afternoon. Don's loving wife of 31 years, Marsha, family, and friends were gathered around him to pray and celebrate his life.

Don was born in Los Angeles, California, the son of parents Leo M. and Alta L. (Pons) Donelson who are now deceased; surviving are his two sisters, Marge DeLisse, Susan Houfek, and brother, Mike Manauzzi, as well as several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are Don's beloved children, Don, Jr., Darlin Lisa, grandchildren, Daniel and Ashly, and great grandson, Justin, as well as many cherished friends. Don worked as Electrical Shop Lead at the Los Angeles Base.

Don was a USAF veteran and a seasoned world traveler, enjoying his job as an avionics training instructor for Continental Airlines and Boeing. Don never met a stranger and his good sense of humor was a special gift he happily shared, even though he endured many years of serious health issues.

Don's two loyal companion dogs, Sandy and Kenny also survive and dearly miss him. Don was a devoted advocate of Save Tehachapi's Orphaned Pets (STOP), 785 Tucker Road, Suite G, Box 460 in Tehachapi, California 93561 a dedicated animal rescue organization, helping those in need. If you wish to send a donation to STOP or a favorite charity in Don's memory, your gesture is most welcome.

**Services are pending and will be announced at a later date.**