

Highland Disposal Company

I met Don Bringhurst in 1966 playing in a church softball league. We played for many years together. Don was an entrepreneur, always trying new things. At one point he was selling toilet paper oil filters. Don was also a WWII Veteran. He flew B-24's in the South Pacific during the war. He was a modest man and I didn't learn this until his passing in 2006. He and his wife Dora, who passed away August 2015, were contributors to Highland's early years.

Around 1980 Don saw the need for Highland City residents to have curbside garbage service and bought an old Ford, 2 man garbage truck. Prior to this, residents hauled their own garbage to the garbage dump. Don was 60 years old at the time and couldn't afford a 2nd man, so he did the work himself. He would get out of the truck and run the trash compactor at each house. He covered all of Highland with one truck. He was a very pleasant man. Sometimes if the garbage wasn't at the street, he would go in to the garage to get it. It was a shoe-string operation and I worked on his garbage truck in my driveway. His knees eventually gave out and he ended up selling the business to Vic Scarpino and his wife, Sharon. I continued working on their trucks as they purchased another one without an engine. We found a broken down truck in the swamps in Lehi and I laid underneath it to remove the engine. I brought the engine home and installed it in the purchased truck. In 1985, Vic bought a new garbage truck that allowed him to pick up all of Highland in one day instead of three. Later that year they sold the business to Laid Law.



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