

He is Gone

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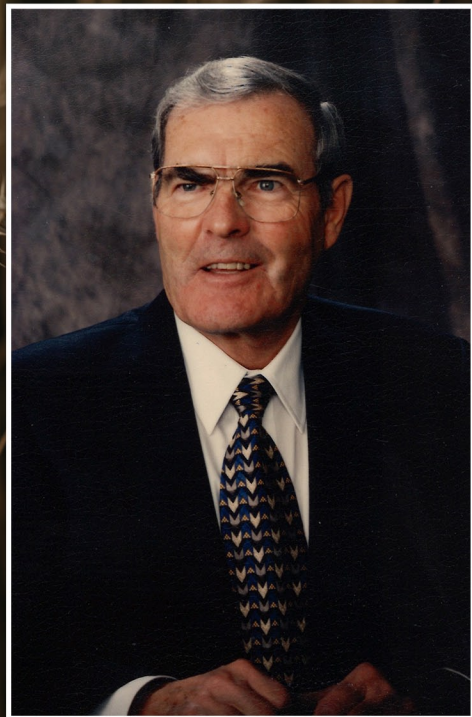
You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



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Lovingly Remembered

Donald Stewart

December 6, 1931 — June 17, 2022

It is with great sadness that we lost Donald who died in Lethbridge on June 17, 2022 following compassionate palliative care provided by the nurses and doctors at Lethbridge Chinook Regional Hospital. Donald had a long struggle with dementia and was cared for at St. Therese Villa for the last years of his life. Our sincere thanks go out to the staff at St. Therese Villa.

Most people called him Don — he was a father, a husband, a grandfather and a wonderful doctor to so many people of Lethbridge over a career spanning 45 years. He was a member of the Campbell Clinic and latterly the Geriatric Assessment Unit at the Chinook Regional.

Don was born in Maple Creek, a small farming community in southwest Saskatchewan. He was a gifted intellectual and was awarded the Governor General's medal for achieving top academic standing across the province of Saskatchewan at his high school graduation. He went on to study journalism at Ryerson University in Toronto, but felt that his contribution was not to be about the story but, rather, about medicine. He completed his medical training at the University of Saskatchewan in 1957. He had an accomplished career as a family doctor in Lethbridge and was always regarded as a man of integrity, compassion and with a wry smile and a joke to tell. He was a true gentle man. He knew so many people in Lethbridge and was always greeted on the street by friends and patients who held him in such high regard.

Don married Lise Bergeron in 1960 and they moved from Montreal to Lethbridge and welcomed their first child, Frances, in 1961. Sons Robert and Ian followed. Through his life, Don maintained a balance between his work and family, but his family always came first.

Don lost his wife, Lise, in 2002 and this loss was very difficult for him. Later, he was fortunate to develop a companionship with Phyllis Dedekam and in their years together, they enjoyed travelling and each other's company. Don had a long and cherished relationship with our cousin Tarah Moore (Kern) who cared for him in Lethbridge for several years with love and gentle kindness.

Along with his loving wife Lise, Don was predeceased by his nephew Gordon Stewart.

Don is survived by his daughter Frances, as well as sons Robert (Margaret Herridge) and Ian (Karen Lynch). He has seven grandchildren who will greatly miss their Grandpa Don. Stewart and Alex Owen (Frances), Sarah, Graeme and Matthew Stewart (Robert and Margaret) and Emily and Claire Stewart (Ian and Karen). He is also survived by his brother Fred Stewart of Calgary and nephew Douglas Stewart.

Celebration of Donald's Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32 St. S, Lethbridge, Alta.
Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Officiant - Patrick Siedlecki

Order of Service

Processional - *Goldberg Variations Aria* by Glenn Gould

Opening Poem & Welcome

Donald's Life Story

Eulogy - Fran Stewart

Song - *Tumbling Tumbleweeds / Happy Trails To You* by The Hanson Brothers

Tributes - Bill Moore and Tarah Moore

Slideshow

Message of Hope

Announcements & Closing Words

Recessional - *Sweet Caroline* by Neil Diamond

RECEPTION

Following the service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Reception Room at Cornerstone

INTERMENT

Donald will be laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery



(Watermark photo credit: Marie Hanson)