Donald Edward John

Donald Edward John passed away on Thursday June 26, 2025, in Victoria, B.C. at the age of 96. He was the beloved husband of Muriel (Roxby), proud father of daughters Karen Aitken (Jonathan Aitken) of Victoria B.C., and Judith Lowe (Gary Lowe) of Orleans, Ontario, also dear grandfather of Fiona Aitken (Kevin Brown), Alistair Aitken, Harrison Lowe (Julie Boileau), and Mackenzie Lowe.

As a teenager, Don served with the Royal Navy in Burma (now Myanmar). He came to Canada from Scotland in 1953, initially to Toronto where he studied Theology. He later moved to Montreal, and eventually settled in Lachute, Quebec. His early work in Lachute was as Chaplain with the Lachute Police department, helping youth with drug addictions, while also serving as Presbyterian Minister at the church in nearby Mille Isles. Don later became Chief of Security at Ivaco Rolling Mills, in L'Orignal, Ontario for almost 30 years until his retirement in 2003.

In retirement, Don and Muriel moved west to Victoria, B.C. where they enjoyed the beautiful climate and environment, as well as getting to spend more time with daughter Karen and family. They made many new friends in seniors' groups (like the Monterey Centre) and in their condominium on Fairfield Road.

In the last several years, Don's mobility was limited, and his voice was feebler, but his mind was as sharp as ever. He always took every opportunity available to play the jumper, whether it was feigning an injury if you happen to lightly bump into him or jokingly tease unknowing people with a fake complaint. After you got to know his "schtick", people would light-heartedly call him out, which gave him a laugh.

We'd like to thank all the friends in Don's previous condo

residence on Fairfield Road, all the staff and residents of Parkwood Place residence in Victoria for their kind companionship in these last few years, the incredible staff at Island Health (VIHA) and the staff at Aberdeen Hospital who provided amazing comfort and compassion for him these last few months.

A celebration of life will take place at McCall's Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will be livestreamed and recorded for later viewing.

Suaimhneas Síoraí Air

(Eternal Rest on Him)

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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