

Robert Tweed McMeechan

On April 11, 2023, Robert McMeechan was Promoted to Glory as he peacefully passed from this life. Robert was born December 5, 1934, in the village of Whitecross, Scotland. The sixth of ten children, he lived in Scotland until he emigrated to Canada in 1957. After sailing to Montreal, Robert worked various jobs, including a pickle factory and a Christmas tree farm. He eventually settled in Guelph, Ontario where he connected with the Salvation Army through hockey. After giving his heart to the Lord, he felt the call to become a Salvation Army officer (pastor) and joined the Greathearts session from 1959-60. It was here that he met the love of his life, Grace Putnam. They were married in 1962 and served in appointments across Canada and Bermuda for almost 40 years. While Robert willingly served at the Training College for Officers (Toronto, ON) and as Divisional Secretary (Cornerbrook, NL), he found the most joy in pastoring, as a Corps Officer and through his appointments in Pastoral Care. Robert was known for his compassion, encouragement, and many “wee” words of prayer. His greatest desire was that everyone would know the depth and breadth of God’s love for them. He was an avid reader and enjoyed playing tennis. He was always up for adventure. He loved roller coasters and even rode the zipline at Camp Sunrise in his 80s after having a hip replacement!

Robert was a loving father to his three daughters, Heather, Rhonda, and Linda, always encouraging them to live to their full potential and to remember “who they are and whose they are.” He loved spending time with his grandchildren and celebrating their accomplishments. Family was important to Robert, and he would rarely have a conversation with anyone without asking, “How’s the family”?

Robert is preceded in death by his precious wife Grace; parents Robert and Mary; mother-in-law Pearle; siblings Agnes (Douglas), Helen (David), Thomas (Margaret), Lewis (Julia),

Moira (Willie) and James; and brothers and sisters-in-law Clive (Shirley) and Dorothy (Wally). He is survived by his daughters Heather, Rhonda and Linda; grandchildren Ashley (Graeme), Nathanael (Sarah), Christopher, Caleb (Esther), Rachel (Lucas), and Adam; great-grandchildren Hayden, Ailith and Ernest; sisters Cecilia (preceded in death by George), Jean (preceded in death by Jack), and Isabel (Matthew); and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the nurses, doctors, and staff at Glenwarren Lodge, Royal Jubilee Hospital, and Victoria Hospice for the loving care provided during the past year.

While we will miss our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, pastor, and friend, we rejoice in the knowledge that he is forever in the presence of the Lord and resting in the arms of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A service of celebration will be held at the Salvation Army Victoria Citadel, 4030 Douglas St., on Monday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. For those who are unable to attend in person, click the following link to watch a livestream of the service...

<https://youtube.com/live/oTWF-didUPc>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army Victoria Citadel <https://salvationarmyvictoria.ca/>

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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