



Dr. Donald Harland Smith

October 8, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Dr. Donald Harland Smith on October 8, 2019 at the age of 92.

Don was a family physician in Stouffville for 59 years. During that time, with his professional but always compassionate and never hurried approach to medicine, he touched the lives of hundreds and he will be greatly missed by all.

Born in Windsor, the son of Roy and Muriel Smith, Don studied medicine at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1952. He completed his internship at Toronto's East General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children. Simultaneous to pursuing a medical career Don also served with the Royal Canadian Air Force 411 Squadron (Downsview) rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Don had a great passion for flying and for many decades continued to be a licensed pilot and a civil aviation medical examiner.

Don is survived by his children Patricia, Donald (Maureen), Jennifer (Scott), Shelley (Steve), and 7 grandchildren, Colin, Joshua, Brendan (Elaine), Kevan, Jessica, Troy, Jack and great grandchild Hawkley.

Thank you to all the staff at Markham Stouffville Hospital, The Reactivation Care Centre, ReachView Village, and Uxbridge Cottage Hospital for all the tremendous kindness extended to our father and family over the past many months.

Friends are invited to join the family in a celebration of Don's life at the Stouffville Legion Hall, 150 Mostar St, on Sunday November 17, 2019, 3 to 5 p.m.

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Don's memory to Parkinson Canada www.parkinson.ca.

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Stouffville Legion Hall

150 Mostar Street, Stouffville, ON, CA, L4A 0Y2

Comments



“ Dr. Don was never just my physician, although he was that for 59 years! In 1957 I remember climbing a long set of stairs to Dr. Don’s office for “needles”. And in 2012, I remember Don intuitively “nailing” the diagnosis of a kidney infection and expeditiously treating me so that I could make my annual trek to work in an African health clinic.

In between, I remember Don as an adviser, coach, confidante, mentor, colleague, and friend. I enjoyed Don’s wonderful ribald humour. His integration of responsibility and hedonism was a model for living.

Well done, Don! It was a pleasure and privilege to know you. Thank you for living well.

Martin McDowell

Martin McDowell - November 08, 2019 at 08:55 AM



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Don Smith Jr - November 01, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ oh my goodness! I'm so sorry to read the news of Dr. Smith's death! He was my doctor in Stouffville from the time we moved there when I was 2, until I moved away after highschool. I was in there A LOT and he always made me feel comfortable, I was never scared to go see him. He was such a kind man. My sincerest condolences to the family.



Rebecca Weber - October 22, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ Jennifer,

So sad to hear of your dad's passing. As you said in the obituary, your dad cared for many people and touched a lot of lives , during his amazing career. The last time I saw your dad(although it was many years ago), he was leaving Markham-Stouffville Hospital and I ran in to him. He had just worked a shift in the OR assisting one of the orthopedic surgeons, and he was in his glory. May you have many happy memories of your dad. You are lucky to have had him so many years, a well lived life! Thinking of you, Shelley (Lynde) Hoeg.

Shelley Hoeg - October 21, 2019 at 04:06 PM