



Donald William Ferris

November 29, 2022

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Sept 30, 1930 – Nov 29, 2022

IN LOVING MEMORY

Don passed away peacefully at 92 years of age at St. Mike's Hospital following a stroke. He is mourned by his wife Grace, daughter Erin, son-in-law Leigh Smout, grandchildren Byrne Smout (Charmaine Ponce), Lane Smout, Kira Smout and William Ferris and by his many nieces and nephews and their families. Pre-deceased by his beloved son Carl Ferris.

Don enjoyed a long career in the newspaper business, loved singing barbershop for over 60 years and spending time with his family at the cottage. He was a remarkable person with curiosity and a thirst for knowledge, an amazing cartoonist and filled with kindness. He made friends with anyone he met and was a loving friend, husband, Dad and "Pops". Don will be missed by all who knew him.

There will be a celebration of Don's life at the Balmy Beach Club – 360 Lake Front (foot of Beech Avenue), Toronto – 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Saturday, December 10th, 2022.

Please feel free to leave memories, messages or photos at this site
(Aftercare.org).

Heart & Stroke Foundation, if desired, in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Balmy Beach Club

360 Lake Front

Toronto, ON M4E 1A7 (CA)

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dear Erin and Family,

My sincerest condolences on the loss of your wonderful father. The childhood memories of times with him on Kenilworth Ave always put a smile on my face. I loved his great sense of humour and his calmness. Our two dads together were quite the pair! They are once again having a beer together. May he rest in peace. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Doris Cecchini

Doris Cecchini - December 09, 2022 at 05:35 PM

JM

“ Dear Erin and Family,

Don was such wonderful person, caring, fun loving and a talented singer that Joy and I miss dearly.

Jamie Macpherson

Jamie Macpherson - December 09, 2022 at 03:59 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Jamie Macpherson - December 09, 2022 at 03:54 PM

GW

“ Dear Erin and family
I'm so very saddened to hear about the passing of your dear father Don. I have so many wonderful childhood memories of your father; from singing around the house, to fun times at the cottage and just a kind and gentle childhood neighbour. May he RIP and may your fond memories of your dad give you comfort through this sad and difficult time.

Gianna (Jenny) Cecchini Wyce

Gianna Wyce - December 08, 2022 at 07:36 PM

DH

“ Every time I would think of Don, I would smile. He was a wonderful guy to be with.
I met him through Barbershop singing with the Dukes of Harmony. Both leads, we would often stand together. Such a source of knowledge, an experienced quartet singer, his kind manner made him easy to learn from and sing with. I think now, with a tinge of sadness, as I remember his voice and seeing him smile.

Thank you Don. I will always remember you warmly.

My sincerest condolences to Grace and family.

Dan Holbrook - Dukes of Harmony

Dan Holbrook - December 05, 2022 at 12:36 PM

RB

Dan, you've said it all much better than I could. I'll just add that my last trip with the Barons of Barbershop was a flight to St. John's with the late John Butkovich and Don. what a wonderful week that was. The Barons were a Seniors offshoot of the Dukes of Harmony. and operated from 1995 until 2011. Don was a staunch lead singer with the Barons.

Ron Brown, a 15 year Baron, and 52 year Duke

Ronald Arthur Brown - December 05, 2022 at 01:24 PM

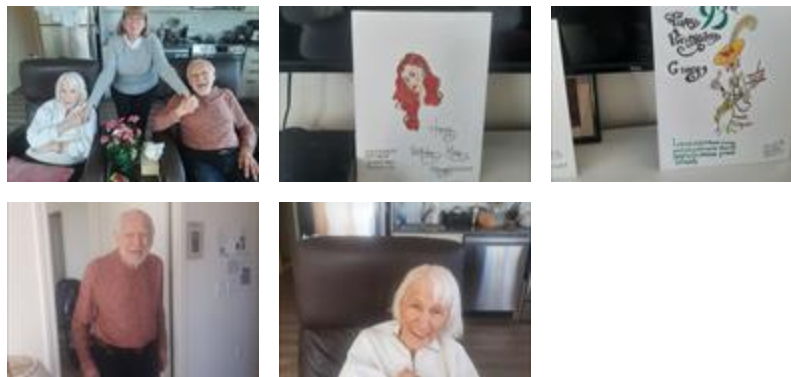
WH

“ Hello Erin and Leigh and family , we sure loved Uncle Don. He was always my favourite Uncle. So happy all the time and easy to talk to . So kind and funny. We will miss him and his passing will leave a big empty space in all our lives. Hugs and kisses. Wendy and Jerry

Wendy Hall - December 05, 2022 at 07:39 AM

CA

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Cathy Atchison - December 04, 2022 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ Oh my ! I am truly saddened by the news of Don's passing. A FINE man! He and Grace have been , for years , an admired couple whose company I always enjoyed : always warm and light hearted. The sadness that Dorothy and I feel , though, is somewhat softened and warmed by gratitude for having known him and by the memories of having been a small part of a life very well lived . Our most sincere condolences to Grace and family.
Ron Whiteside

Ron Whiteside - December 04, 2022 at 02:58 PM

LA

“ Don and I were in a quartet together. We had the privilege and the thrill to perform with our quartet at Roy Thomson Hall. Don was a great friend. I will miss him. Larry Grupp

Larry - December 04, 2022 at 02:53 PM

CM

“ What a wonderful, caring man Don was. Jürgen and I met Grace and Don in our early days of Barbershop with East York chapter. Jürgen sang in a quartet with Don for a while and we shared their company and Grace’s humour and Don’s warmth for many years. My sincerest sympathy to you Grace and the family. What a long life, full of love, he enjoyed 🌹

Carol Mummenhoff - December 04, 2022 at 12:17 PM

CA

“ Don Ferris is a Uncle like no other.
He was the kindest man I have ever met. A true gentleman.
Talented in so many ways....an artist, a singer, a humanitarian.
He loved his beautiful wife, my Auntie Grace, with all his heart. His children Carl and Erin, knew they were loved and cherished.
His grandchildren were blessed to have him in their lives.
I wish everyone could have known this beautiful man.
I miss him already. Just knowing he was in this life, made me happy and proud.
Bye for now Uncle Don
Love always, your niece Cathy

Cathy Atchison - December 03, 2022 at 07:47 PM

EF

Oh Cathy, you summed it up. He was an extraordinary person. It makes me cry. Erin ❤️

Erin Ferris - December 04, 2022 at 09:56 AM

KC

“ I was so fortunate to work with Don in the Toronto Star circulation dept .
He and I enjoyed our breaks together especially at our favourite spot in Etobicoke .
We shared so many laughs and fun .
Don loved his family, his girl Grace and thoroughly enjoyed their cottage times and his Barbershop singing . I was so fortunate to know him .. God bless my friend

Kerry Close - December 03, 2022 at 07:31 PM