



William "Bill" Donald

January 8, 2023

On January 8th, 2023, William "Bill" Donald passed away peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Bill, the son of the late William and Jean Donald, was born March 29th, 1931. Bill grew up in Toronto with his two older brothers, Robert, the eldest, and Jack. They lived in a house on Manor Road in Toronto and helped in their father's Scottish Bakery. After graduating from the University of Western Ontario, Bill went on to teach with the North York Board of Education from 1951 to 1970. He was a secondary school geography teacher who enjoyed working with young people. During his teaching career, Bill joined an organization called Ship of Schools and travelled to many places around the world, combining his love of teaching with his love of travel and geography. He returned with stories to tell his family and friends of adventures in Australia, Africa, the Philippines, Europe, the British Isles, and one of his favourites - New Zealand. He returned to teaching from 1974 to 1987. Bill "made friends wherever he went" explains one of his nephews. He kept in touch with relatives across Canada and in Scotland, and brought family together by

sharing

pictures and news.

Bill was a beloved uncle to David, Jean, Joyce, Ken, Nancy, Robert, and their families.

Bill enjoyed golf, curling, cribbage, snooker, and lawn bowling. He was a lifelong

member of Willowdale Bowling Club, and later, a member of the North York Seniors

Club.

Bill always kept himself busy. He had a sharp mind and enjoyed starting his day reading

his "papers." After his recent move to Canterbury Place in Toronto, he volunteered some

of his time in the building tuck shop, which provides groceries and essentials to the

building residents. It is only now in passing that Bill is ready to rest. His easy laughter,

sharp wit, generosity, and conversation will be missed.

Memorial donations be made to North York General Hospital Foundation. [www.https://nyghfoundation.ca/](https://nyghfoundation.ca/)

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“ *Bill was very kind to me when I visited Toronto.* ”



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