

Rev. Dr. Donald Alexander Wright, Capt. (Ret'd), age 67, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 17, 2021 with his devoted family by his side. Born in Guelph, Ontario, son of the late Merritt and Jean Wright. Loving husband of 35 years to Jillian (Berry) Wright. Dear father of Murray and Jessica Wright of White City, Saskatchewan, Gary Wright and Nadine Lemmerick of Regina, Saskatchewan and Melissa MacDonald of Regina, Saskatchewan, Harvey Wright of Vancouver, British Columbia and stepfather to Kathryn Rose and Nigel Heffernen of London, England. Loving grandfather of Natiana and Noah, Sophia, Jack and Keerigan. Survived by nieces Carolyn, Tracey, Laurie, Michelle and nephew Robert and their families. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brothers David and John Wright. Don was ordained a United Church of Canada minister in 1977 and served congregations in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan. He served as a Regular Force Chaplain in the Canadian Forces for sixteen years at CF Bases Gagetown, NB, Edmonton, AB, Moose Jaw, SK, Petawawa, ON and Halifax, NS, as well as twelve years on the Reserve list. Throughout Don's ministry he was creative and innovative and was part of the movement forward within the United Church and the Canadian military in recognizing all our differing gifts. He passionately learned about personality types in order to bring people together across all different forms of human connection. This dedicated research was affectionately known as "What's My Type". His nickname "Spear Chucker" came from his ability to throw the javelin at an Olympic qualifying level. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed playing quite a bit of golf and football in his younger years and watching football, hockey (finals), basketball and the Olympic sporting events. He was an extreme Oakland Raiders fan and could often be found on Sunday trading his clerical robes for a skeleton costume and yelling at the TV. He enjoyed watching his sons play sports, going to concerts where Jill and Kathryn were performing in choirs and orchestras and loved attending the theatre in Stratford where he retired. He also had fun providing light and sound for the Dartmouth Community Players while living in Halifax and being part of church theatre productions in Calgary and Oshawa as well as writing and producing a play for Forces members and families while serving at CFB Petawawa. A special thank you to Drs. Edwards and Matusinec of the Star Family Health Team, and to the lovely nurses of the Community Care Nursing team who provided us with wonderful support while Don was palliating at home. And finally, our deepest appreciation to friends and neighbours for their kind support during these last few weeks. Arrangements for cremation have taken place through W. G. Young Funeral Home. A celebration of life will take place later this year when Covid restrictions relax, travel is possible, and all our children can attend.