

Donald Harold Sidney Wright

June 25, 1934 - September 25, 2017

Worked For:

Avro Canada

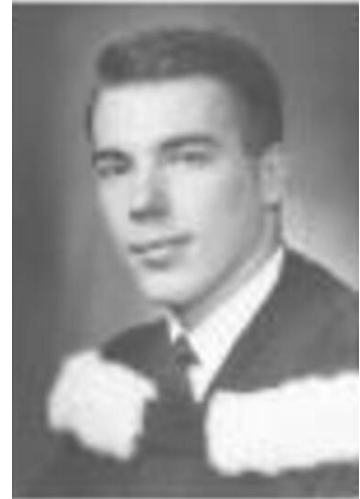
Department:

Engineering

Position:

Aeronautical Engineering student

Obituary (online):



WRIGHT, Donald Harold Sidney Born June 25, 1934 in Toronto, Ontario. Died September 25, 2017. Son of Rev. Reginald Noel Wright and Kathleen Daisy Cooper. A 'preacher's kid', Don was always proud to have attended Upper Canada College, on a scholarship. As a young man he excelled in Air Cadets and graduated with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Toronto. He worked at Avro as a student and was forever devastated when the Arrow was cancelled. He made the rank of squadron leader in the RCAF, flying Harvards, T33s, Lancasters and his favourite, CF100s. He met Ruth Marshall on the tennis courts in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan while stationed there for flight training. She was his rock for 45 years, until she died in 2004. Always movie-star handsome, Don later enjoyed the companionship of his high school friend, Patricia Cooper of Calgary. Among his vast and varied career, Don worked hard as a farmer, a high school physics teacher, a self-employed contractor, a reliability engineer with DND and an engineer at Bombardier, where he eventually retired. He loved sailing and spent many happy years of retirement with Ruth on the Gatineau River at Chelsea, Quebec. He served as Warden at Holy Trinity (Metcalf), All Saints (Sandy Hill) and St. Mary Magdalene (Chelsea). He was an elected school trustee for the Carleton Board of Education. Don is survived by his daughters, Jane Wright (Norman Greenberg), Halifax NS and Julianne Wright (Mark Quigg), Ottawa and his son, George Wright (Kim MacMullin), Metcalfe Ontario. He was 'grumpy gramps' to Eva and Jenna Mooers, Halifax; Alison, Eileen and Alana Quigg, Ottawa, and Marshall, Rodney and Mary Wright Metcalfe. Great-grandfather of Stella Wyn Mooers. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard Wright (Dianne), Saskatchewan and David Wright (Barb) of Barrie, Ontario, and sisters Sarah Diana (Fred Hope), Washington and Kate McCorriston (Mel, deceased), Nipawin, Saskatchewan. He was "Uncle Don" to 23 nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit at the St. Laurent Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 1200 Ogilvie Road (at Aviation Parkway) Ottawa, on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 1 p.m., followed by a Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3 p.m. Donations in Don's memory may be made to the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health. Condolences/Tributes/Donations www.hpmcgarry.ca 613-748-1200 <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/donald-wright-1065946063>

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