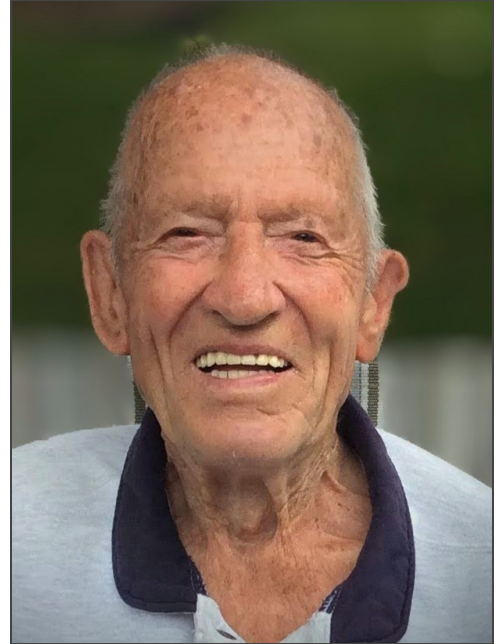


Donald McCauley Barclay

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Donald McCauley Barclay passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024, at the age of 93, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and laughter. Born July 4, 1931, on the family farm near Owen Sound, Ontario, Donald lived a life filled with adventure, kindness, and quiet wisdom.



Donald met the love of his life, Shirley (née Brown), at a community dance in Meaford, Ontario. After just three dates, he knew she was the one. They were married on December 30, 1950, and this month would have marked their 74th wedding anniversary. Together, they built a life rich with love and shared experiences. Donald's career in pipeline construction took them to various places before he transitioned to heavy equipment sales and service. In 1969, they moved west to British Columbia and settled in Port Kells, Surrey, where they made their home for over 45 years.

Donald was known for his wonderful sense of humor, quick wit, and sparkling eyes that often hinted at an impending joke. He had a calm and gentle demeanor and took a genuine interest in others, always asking thoughtful questions that reflected his care and compassion. A man of steadfast faith, Donald lived his values quietly but fully.

He made friends wherever he went—whether traveling to Arizona as a snowbird, cruising the open seas, enjoying motorcycling trips, or camping with loved ones.

His life was enriched by the many people he met along the way and the stories they shared together.

Donald will be dearly missed by his beloved wife Shirley; his loving children Janice (Rick) Reinert, Karen (Ernie) Plett, and Barry (Julie) Barclay; his cherished grandchildren Trevor (Toni) and Jennifer (Marcel); as well as great-grandchildren Hannah and Dean. He is also survived by his sisters Nora Oliver and Isobel Glennie. He was predeceased by his parents Elgin and Henrietta Barclay and his brother Jack Barclay.

Donald's memory will forever bring comfort and joy to those who knew him. May his legacy of love and laughter continue to inspire all who were blessed to share in his remarkable journey.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada would be most appreciated. An announcement for a celebration of life will follow in the New Year.

Messages of Condolence

God Bless Uncle Don! He and my dad, Jack, did not see each other very often, but when they were together, their kinship was evident and there were jokes and laughter filling the space, be it outdoors or in. He will be greatly missed.

Condolences to Aunt Shirley, Janice, Rick, Karen, Ernie, Barry and Julie. □

— **Leasa Barclay**

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of a dear father who lived life well and loved you all deeply. You were blessed to have such a wonderful and loving father. Celebrate him well. ☐

Huge hugs.☐

— **Lynette and Ray Beutel**

So very sorry for your loss of a wonderful husband father and grandfather

— **Ann and Reg**

Our sincere condolences to you Aunt Shirley, Janice, Karen, and Barry. I remember many years ago, at the Brown Xmas, of Uncle Don being quite interesting to listen to with his stories of the pipeline and the heavy equipment.

He had a great sense of humour and hardy joyful laugh.

God bless Uncle Don

— **Gary & Linda Bumstead**



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