# Donald John Morse

OCTOBER 14, 2021

**It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Don Morse. He passed away early in the morning on October 14, 2021, following complications during open heart surgery on October 13, 2021. He was 78 years old.**

**He is survived by his wife, Dee (Dianna Brett), daughter Karen (Greg Lacroix), brothers Elbert (Cheryl), Phil, and Lorry (Laurie) as well as many nieces and nephews. He was known lovingly as Papa to his grandchildren, Nicholas and Allison.**

**Don was predeceased by his son Raymond, parents Anna and Leonard, sister Joyce (Kiselbach), sisters-in-law Anna and Felecia, his dog Keanu and that crazy cat, Katmandhu.**

**Don was born in New Westminster BC and raised in Coquitam BC. He left school early and worked mostly in construction in the Lower Mainland of Vancouver and other parts of BC and worked a short time in Dubai.**

**In the late 1970’s, Don became a businessman when he joined brothers Phil and Lorry in establishing Morse Construction Ltd. in Port Moody BC. They successfully ran this company together until retirement in 2015. Some of the employees, including Colin and Richard, were like family to Don.**

**He met Dee in 1976 and they lived happily together in their home in Anmore for more than 40 years.**

**“The Don” led a very active life. He was always an early riser and for many years went to the gym before being the first man at the office. He was fastidiously punctual and hated to be kept waiting. He was a car enthusiast and owned and showed his classic cars at many of the local car shows, actually winning a trophy at the New Westminster show for best in class with “the 66”. He loved to drive, usually fast, and was seldom in the passenger seat. He was often pulled over on the side of the road, trying to talk his way out of a ticket. He rode dirt bikes, toured with Dee on his Goldwing motorcycle in the ’80’s and in 1994 bought their first motorhome. Don and Dee spent their winters  driving to Mazatlan, Mexico in their motorhome where they made many lasting friendships. Don loved the Mexican people and they loved him. While there, Don pursued his other passion, golf. His game was always a work in progress, but he did enjoy his time on the golf courses here at home and in his travels. He met some of his best friends through golf. Karen and her family often flew down during holidays and joined the fun in Mazatlan. Don enjoyed spending this quality time with his two grandchildren. These family memories will be forever treasured.**

**Don’s health started to fail in 2008, but thanks to a wonderful group of doctors, (Dr. DaRoza, Dr. Aminbakhsh, Dr. Kazemi and Dr. Kyskan) his issues were controlled, and he continued to live life to the fullest.**

**Unfortunately, in 2017 Don’s health began to deteriorate more quickly and he was unable to continue to travel. He golfed sporadically and continued to enjoy his home in Anmore. In the past two years, his heart condition made life more difficult and open heart surgery was proposed. Don looked**

**forward to the possibility of better health and, knowing the risk, agreed to the recent surgery.**

**We will miss the twinkle in his eyes, his quirky wit, and of course that whistle. He was loved, he is missed, and he will never be forgotten.**

**Dee and Karen would like to acknowledge and commend the team involved in his surgery and subsequent care in the Cardiac ICU at Royal Columbian Hospital. Dr. Gunning and the staff there worked tirelessly and non-stop for Don for 20 hours. They are amazing professionals.**

**There will be no service, by request. Because Don received so many blood transfusions during and after surgery, the family is asking for blood donations in his honor. If you are unable to donate blood, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice, in memory of Don.**

## Messages of Condolence

My deepest condolences to Dee and all of Dons family! You will be missed very much! Rest In Peace my dear friend.

**— Mike Price**

What more can you say.
This was beautifully written.
Love you.

Shaun

**— Shaun Morse**

Dee an family I give my condolences and I will miss him ,I called my brother D.J .

**— PHIL MORSE**

Karen and Deb my heart hurts for your loss.. My uncle Don was such a beautiful man. Will forever be in my thoughts and memories. Beautifully written. Prayers to my family. Love you uncle Don. Rest in peace.

**— Angela Morse**

If you never met Don before he was in his 70's,you may have missed this gentleman's way of him showing his love of others and life. When Ken met Don, he was a tough nut to crack as he would tell me, your old motorhome should be replaced, Ken wouldn't afford a newer home, but, some time after, Ken went to stay at Dee and Dons home in the Anmore, after meeting in Maz.,the first winter we met ! Don was large with the people that new him and well respected by others. Dee honey, sure wish we could do this fine year again. Love Ya honey, what's for breakfast. Kenhi Phil, take care.

**— Kenneth.W.Deis**

Don was the first neighbour I met in Anmore. He welcomed me warmly and we instantly know we shared the same appreciation for our little corner of Anmore Village. The years have flown by and Don always knew about the comings and goings of people and wildlife. His ready smile and love of nature will be missed terribly. Deepest condolences to Dee and the rest of the family.

**— Elaine Willis**

"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die." So sorry for your loss. Don was a lovely man.

**— Lynn Burton and Mario Piamonte**

So sorry for your loss Karen, Greg, Nick and Allison.
True love never dies. He will always live on in your hearts. Cherish your memories.
Love Always
Karen, Darcy and family.

**— Karen**

Doug and I were so saddened to read of Don's passing. Take comfort from your memories you had together, and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**— Judy Cruickshank**

It was so sad to hear of the passing of such a nice guy. Good golf buddy and great guy! Only had the pleasure of knowing him for around 7 years. He made all his golf buddies smile...every time. He'll be missed but never forgotten. My condolences to the family.

**— Craig Guthrie**

So very sorry to hear about Don. I have such good memories of all you brothers.
I’m happy he had such a wonderful life and family.
Good memories for all of you to have to keep him near.
Best wishes to all. Hilary

**— Hilary**

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