

Donald Walter Stevenson

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November 7, 1936 - January 30, 2019

Don was a born and bred Manitoba farm boy and that is where his heart always was.

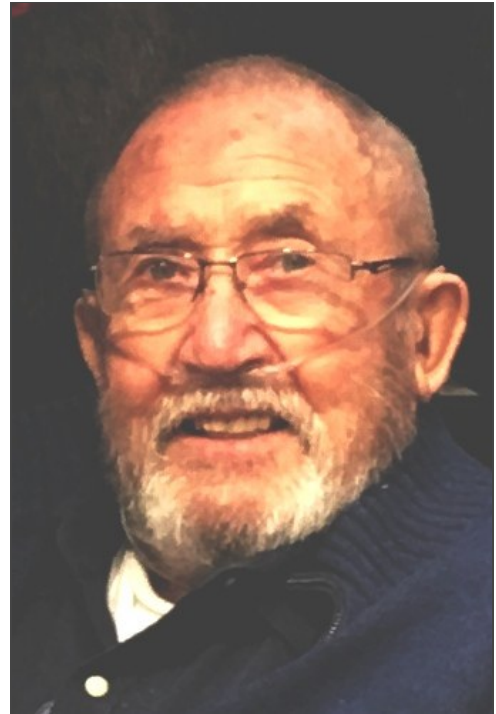
Don moved to Alberta as a young man and started working on the bridge in Millarville. He was then recruited by Duke Drilling and spent years working in the Oilpatch as a driller.

He then met and married Sylvia Gilbertson in 1957. They were married for 54 years until her death in 2011.

He had a second career working in Calgary in the glass industry first at Nu-Vue Glass and retired from Crystal Glass.

Following his retirement, Don and Syb moved to Airdrie and resided there for 12 years. Don then moved to Okotoks and resided at Heartland Seniors residence. Don passed away surrounded by his loved ones at the Foothills Country Hospice on January 30, 2019.

Don was an expert trap shooter, and shotgun gunsmith and vendor. He sold shotguns at hundreds of gun shows across Alberta over the past 30 years. He was a member of the Layalta Gun Club for many years. Don loved to spend time with family, fishing, snowmobiling and of course shooting gophers. Many farmers were



particularly grateful for his expert marksmanship. Gophers not so much.

Don leaves behind his three loving daughters, Cindy Burk(Phil), Cheryl Brandford(Bryan) and Tammie Rhodes(Jeff) and grandchildren Breighanne, Kirby, Bryce and Shealeigh. He was pre-deceased by his daughter Velaine in 2009, and his brother Blaine in 2000.

He also sadly leaves behind his sister Jean, brothers Elmer and Barry(Tannis) and numerous nieces and nephews, in Manitoba.

There will be an Open House at the Brandford residence, 32048 - 338 Avenue East Okotoks, on Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 PM. All are invited. Please text 403-819-7071 for directions.

Messages of Condolence

I had the fortunate opportunity to spend many holidays with Don. He was a loving and caring father and grandfather and will surely be missed. My condolences to all.

— **Angie Brandford**

Cheryl I have such fond memories of both your mom and dad crafting along side us for our Christmas sales.

Our condolences

— **Brenda Campbell**

My condolence to you all in Don's passing. We all know it was for the best as he has been struggling for sometime. Roy and Don had a lot of good times hunting gophers and talking guns. They are likely talking over their good times as we speak. Will miss his visits to the farm. My family will miss him too. They always like to come visit with him. Robin always liked him shooting those damn gophers and enjoyed taking to him about his last gopher hunt. Robin was amazed how he still was such a good shot. Rest In Peace Don.

— **Elaine Gilbertson**

Cheryl, Bryan and family.... I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Sending you kind thoughts and prayers.

— **Kathy Parker**

Don and I did a lot of gun shows together, he came out and shot a lot of gophers with me. A great guy. Bert

— **Bert Caveny**

I'm truly sorry for your loss and know you must be heartbroken. I know he was a loving and caring father and grandfather, who cherished his family and touched so many lives in different ways. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Take care

— **Michelle & Ernie Plaxton**

My sincerest condolences to all the family (Cindy, Cheryl, Tammie et al). He will be dearly missed by all. I really wish I could come to share my condolences in person; however, I have to work tomorrow, so will be unable to be there. I will be there in spirit - my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Big hug!

Laurie

— **Laurie Howard**

Another treasured family member gone to join the “crew”, missed by many. Greg spent many hours “talking guns & hunting” with Don. Sending condolences to all, share those many happy memories.

— **Mary Gilbertson**

I met Don and Sylvia through their daughter Tammy. We instantly hit it off. I stayed in touch over the years in Airdrie. I had great chats with Don about Real Estate. I am grateful to have met two wonderful people. My deepest condolences to the family.

— **Terri Stephens**

Tammie & Jeff. Andrew and I were so very sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We are here if you need us.

— **Kay & Andrew Gearey**

I met Don when I was involved with Calgary Fish & Game Assoc. Don organized a shooting night at the Sarcee military base range, one night a week. Tammy, Don, my daughter Jodi and I shot every week. When we moved to the farm Don and I shot many gophers. We made 2 one week trips to Saskatchewan to shoot gophers. We would each shoot 1/2 case of ammo. Happy Trails old friend.

— **Cec Lynn**



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