Donald Edward Wright

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

It is a with great sadness we announce the passing of our caring husband and Father Donald E Wright. Surrounded by love and family Don left us on Feb 4, 2020 after his battle with cancer joining an astute group of cow people.

In 1968 Don married the love of his life, Carol Wright (nee McNiven) and working together they took over the Wright family farm (Wrighthome) in 1971 and established their own prefix Wrightside Holsteins. For over 25 years they worked side by side running Wrightside Holsteins. During this time children Lexi, Ella and Casey entered the picture and became his pride as they became competitive 4-H’ers sharing his passion for cows and farming. This homebred herd was well known in Western Canada for their deep pedigrees and had numerous successes in the show ring. Some of these accomplishments included winning All-Western Breeders herd 6 times and 12 Premier Breeder banners at a variety of shows across the prairies with several Grand Champions over the years.

After selling the herd in 1993 Don started the Alberta Dairy Connection Sales service and for many years ran monthly dairy sales out of Lacombe as well as a couple of elite sales and herd dispersals throughout the year. Doing what he loves most in a true wheeler and dealer fashion Don was constantly helping to sell boots, supplies, advertising and subscriptions to the family run magazine and show supplies business Cowsmopolitan and continued to sell cows and quota right up until this past year.

Don will be remembered for his passion for cows, sales ability, socializing with friends, along with his love and admiration for his wife, children and grand children.

We would like to thank Dr. Vervaek and the nursing staff at the Didsbury hospital as well as all our close friends and family, near and far, for all the support in the past few months. A special mention to the friends and family that reached out or visited often it meant the world to Don and his family.

Don is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Lexi (Jamie), Ella (Sheldon), son Casey (Lory), Peter & Rebekah Mathers and grand children, Oliver, Brynn, Charlie, Archie, Brandon, Morgan and Taylor, extended family Linda (Cliff) Todd, Patty (George) Weigel, Dorothy (Jerry) Bischke, Marg Pearse, Gale Parchoma, Mike (Denine) Lucas, Brenda (Don) Prestie, Bob (Fran) Wright, and numerous, cousins, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Francis and Helen Wright, sister, Betty Lucas and granddaughter Fay Wright.

We welcome you to Celebrate Don’s Life on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 11am at the Zion Community Church, Didsbury, Alberta. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, RR 1, Site 7, Box 10, Westerose Alberta, T0C OVO. Please put Wright Youth Scholarship Fund in the memo of the cheque.

Messages of Condolence

Very sad to hear of Don's passing. Condolences to Carol and the family.

— Geoff May

Our condolences with the passing away of Don.
Tom and Edith Beyer and family

— Tom Beyer and fam

Carol and family,
We send our heartfelt condolences. May the strength of family and community help you through this difficult time and your many memories bring you peace and comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lloyd and Wanda Rommens

— Lloyd and Wanda Rommens

Our heartfelt condolences to carol and family.
Also to all of his siblings. I sure remember the homestead when mom and dad brought us city kids out there. Many fond
memories . RIP Donnie
Alice&Roger

— Alice&Roger Dadey

Our deepest sympathy to all of you Carol, Lexi, Ella, Casey and families. We have so many great memories of time spent with Don and you.
Love Mark and Betty

— Mark and Betty Pollock

Dear Carol and Family, Ted and I send our sincere condolences to you. I knew Don many years ago growing up in Didsbury and was friends with Linda all through school. My children also went to school with yours. Your dedication to the development of Holstein herds over the years is without question an amazing feat and honours well deserved. May your precious memories of Don as a husband, father, grandfather and honoured pioneer in his field sustain you through these difficult times.

— Ted and Rita(St. Clair) McCreary

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