

# **SABEAN, Donald Boyd**

(Lifelong member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church)

Peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa with family by his side on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Judy for over 60 years. Loving dad of Natalie Sabean (Susan Cummings), Dianna Fomenko (Boris) and Christopher Sabean (Meagan). Adoring Pappa of Sarah (Paul), Adam (Vicky) and Great-Pappa of Addison. Cherished brother of Marilyn, Joyce, Brenda and predeceased by Adeline. Don will be missed by many extended family and friends. A private family service will be held at McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Donations in memory of Donald to Diabetes Canada or Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

## **Condolences**

Oct 3, 2020

Dana & Lillian

Sorry for your loss. It's a very difficult time he will be missed dearly

Oct 3, 2020
Marlene Owen

Dear Judy and Family

Please accept my most sincere condolences on the passing of Don. What a shock! He was such an important part of St Matthew's existence. The number of times that he filled in when were in transition and waiting for a new priest. he gave so much to so many. I'll miss his always present smile and his great hugs. He really was the Best! Our life at St Matthews will never be the same without him.

May he Rest in Peace and May Light Perpetual shine upon him.

Kindest regards Marlene Owen

Oct 3, 2020 Linda and Harry Hester

Don was truly loved by many. His smile was contagious and I always loved his big hugs. We are deeply saddened by his loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Judy and your family. St. Matthew's won't be same without Don.

Oct 3, 2020

### **Eileen Mainwaring**

To Judy and family.

Don was truly "the heart" of St. Matthews but more than that he did so many other volunteer deeds. He quietly got on with things like meals on wheels and so much pastoral care to parishioners.

He showed his faith in his deeds and worked on studying and understanding his beliefs. He had a life well lived but sadly it never seems long enough.

Please accept our sincere sympathy.

In friendship,

Eileen and Ray Mainwaring

Oct 3, 2020

Julie Brown

Dear Judy and family please accept my sincerest condolences. Don was a lovely person much appreciated. So sorry Judy love to you all Julie

Oct 3, 2020

Leslie Hajdu, ODT

The EfM community and the Order of the Diocese of Toronto has lost a respected and valued member. Don will be missed.

Oct 3, 2020

Bill & Luda Dean

We are so very sorry for your loss. We met Don several years ago through Dianna. May he rest ib peace.

Oct 3, 2020

**Rob Perozak** 

Dear Judy, Chris & Family,

We are very saddened to hear the news about the passing of Don. As a life long member of St. Matthew's, I grew up knowing Don and was very fond of his good natured demeanor.

Don was truly an inspiration and I always looked forward to hearing him speak at St. Matthew's every Sunday. I served as an alter boy with his son Chris and I'll always remember the sincere conversations that Don and I shared after a service.

His excitement when we talked about cruising or seeing a live performance at the Regent Concert Theater will resonate with me forever.

May you take comfort in knowing that Don was loved and admired by many, especially me.

We are praying for you and your family in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

-Rob, Marilou, Mariah and Robinson Perozak

Oct 4, 2020

#### Mark and Judy Joel

Our deepest condolences to the family on the loss of Don. We so appreciate all he did for us at St.Matthews! We will always remember his kind and caring nature and how loved he was by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Judy and Mark Joel

Oct 4, 2020

#### **Denyse Newton**

Judy and family,

My sincere condolences on Don's passing. I met Don when he was a member of the Local Advisory Committee for the Oshawa office of Community Care Durham. He was such a gentle, compassionate volunteer whom others respected and admired. I could always count on Don to get things done and be the first to volunteer for any task that would help others. I trust he is now resting in peace with God's arms around him. Well done thou good and faithful servant. Denyse Newton

Oct 4, 2020

### Warren and Deborah Beal

Judy,

Our deepest condolences. Don will be greatly missed. He always had a smile and some kind words. His faith was deep. The years he spent as On Call Chaplain at the hospital and all he did at St. Matthews are appreciated by many.

Oct 4, 2020

## Mike & Barb lee

Today is a very sad day for us as we learn of Don's passing we are both very shocked and are still coming to terms with it he had over the tears become a very good freind and we appreciated his help and devotion to his job. we send our heartfealt condolences to Judy and the family and we are disapointed in not being able to attend the service as these times have dictated, but we will be thinking of him as he enters the trip to his lord all mighty. with love and thoughts,

Mike & Barb

Oct 4, 2020

**Sharon & Doug Jones** 

Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of the passing of Don. I first met Don almost 20 years ago when volunteering at Lakeridge Health Oshawa Spirit and Religious Care program and it seemed wherever I went Don was there... community care, palliative care, cancer care, Education for Ministry, Lay Reader trainings, Lay Anointer trainings... the list goes on. Whenever our paths crossed, he always had a big smile on his face, a kind word, a big hug and a prayer.

He always told me what a wonderful community St. Matthew's was and when was I going to join the parish! I finally did and over the years, especially the past few months, we have had amazing conversations that I will cherish as a gift from God.

Don was loved by so many people and so many communities he touched with his love and service. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to all who love and mourn.

Don may your rest in peace and rise in glory.

Oct 4, 2020

### **Margaret Johnston-Jones**

Dear Judy and family,

I am shocked by the news of Don's death. He was so strong in his faith and in his love for you - his family. Don always had a big smile, but that smile got bigger and brighter when speaking of his family. Don's other love was his church, St. Matthew's was a huge part of his life. He was a great help to me and so many. Don also gave of himself at Lakeridge Hospital with his visiting and when leading worship.

Don will be missed but not forgotten.

Well done good and faithful servant. Rest in God's love.

Peace

Rev. Margaret

Oct 4, 2020

#### George & Jenny Marmara

Dear Judy, Dianna & Boris and Family

Our deepest condolences to you on the passing of Don. We have known Don & Judy for over 50 years through church and business. Don was a very caring man and always there if you were in need. When my Mom was in palliative care he was so supportive and caring. His love for our Lord Jesus was evident in how he lived his live. Rest In Peace Don. Special hugs to Judy and family in this time of loss.

Love George & Jenny

Oct 4, 2020

## **Carolyne Willoughby**

Dear Judy and family

I am so sorry for your loss. It was not the same at St Matthews this morning as Don's seat was empty. He lived his faith and compassion for everyone he met. He will certainly be missed but never forgotten. May God keep Don in his loving embrace.

Carolyne Willoughby and Craig Thomas

Oct 4, 2020

### Ralph and Theresa Luke

Dear Judy and family.

Was so shocked to see that Don had passed away. We go way back to

his Equitable Life Days and our camping days together when our kids were young. He was always full of life and his smile was always so contagious. He never forgot his roots.

May he rest in peace. He will be missed by many.

Oct 4, 2020

#### **Annamaria Maccarone**

Dear Judy & family:

I was truly saddened to hear about Don's passing. I met Don through my work at Community Care Durham as my office was based in Whitby. My contact with Don was through the local advisory committee and the board. I will always remember Don as a spirited individual who had a deep concern for others. He was always ready to help and spent an enormous amount of time trying to make other people's lives better. He will be missed. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. I wish you peace and strength.

Sincerely,

Annamaria Maccarone

Oct 5, 2020

#### **Laurie Robertson**

I will always remember Don as a loving and faithful family man who served Christ with all his heart and worked to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

Oct 5, 2020

## **Odessa Chown and family**

Our deepest sympathy for you and your families loss. Don was a great person. His warm smile and loving nature will be greatly missed by all who ever came in contact with him. Don liked people and people liked Don.

Oct 5, 2020

## Frank and Lynda Vanderzwet

Dear Judy and family

We are sad to hear of Don's passing. Such a gentleman and one that brought joy to so many. Please know we are thinking of you during this very difficult and sad time. Our sincere condolences.

Frank and Lynda

Oct 5, 2020

### **Sparky T Johnson**

Saddened to hear indeed, I remember a couple years back when I was quite sick that Bro Stew suggested I call Don as I was seeking some additional spiritual advise in my own spiritual quest walk and journey in life. Long and short was I called Don and poof b4 you knew it he was at our door in Wilmot Creek ready willing and able to support listen pray and make a few suggestions and simply be a friend. In our talking he mentioned he quite liked our community and perhaps if the time ever arose for he and Judy to move seeing such beauty and community here, he mentioned this may just be the place to consider. So in reading he and Judy were set to move here (Wilmot Creek) was like a wow, an blessing indeed. Had many of conversations with Don having met him through taking EFM, great guy I was drawn to and loved his down to earth spiritual spunk and foundation, his mission and walk with the Creator and actions that supported 100 percent his walk to go with his talks. So easy and comfortable to just simply chat with, pick up a phone and call, and so very diverse in his years of experiences and works that he and I related well on, always having awesome talks. He without doubt is remembered treasured and for me a gift privilege and honor to have had in my journey. My thoughts and prayers for Judy and the kids and all who have had the privilege to have their lives touched by Don (countless) will for always remain in thought and prayers. My heartfelt condolences to all

Oct 6, 2020

**Mavis McKenna** 

My thoughts and prayers are with Don's family. It was a pleasure to study with him in EFM. R.I.P Don. You are missed.

Oct 6, 2020

**Susan Osso and Family** 

Dearest Judy and Family,

Please accept our heartfelt condolences on Don's passing. There was never a nicer man than Don and he made St.Matthew's feel like home. I will forever be grateful for his love, prayers and of course his hugs. Rest eternal be granted unto him and love to you all in your time of grief

Lots of Love

Susan Osso and family

Oct 6, 2020

susan hilts

My thoughts are with Don's family at this time. I loved working with Don at W.B.White he was a loving and caring person.

Oct 6, 2020

Michele Hogg

Dear Judy & family,

I am truly shocked and saddened by Don's passing. His presence, smile & those wonderful hugs were felt and known by all at St. Matthew's. On Palm Sunday in 2013 my daughter Susan and I along with my granddaughters Amelia and Lilianna walked in to St. Matthew's in search of a parish to call home. During communion Don noticed that I remained in the pew. After the service he introduced himself & once he discovered that we were East Coasters there was an

instant connection. He also noticed that I walked with a cane & quickly discovered that due to severe food allergies I required GF Host. He promised that he would look into accommodating my needs and he was a man of his word. I will be forever grateful to this wonderful kind, loving and caring man for welcoming me and my family to the St. Matthew's family. Rest in peace my dear friend and to your dear family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Michele Hogg & family.

Oct 6, 2020

#### **Tom and Judy Powers**

Don was a truly caring person who made generous contributions of his time and exceptional gifts. We will certainly miss him and his famous hugs. Our hearts are with Judy and their family.

Oct 7, 2020

#### **Theresa Whitman**

Natalie, Susan and family.

Sending my heartfelt condolences in the loss of your dear father. May your fond memories bring you peace in the days to come. Its never easy to say goodbye, to our fathers. Despite not being able to be with him at this time, I believe your father knew how much you loved him and how often you thought of him. Sending warm hugs.

Oct 8, 2020

#### **Chris Robinson**

I grew up going to St Matthews and Don Sabean was a huge part of my enjoyment in going to church. Always had a warm greeting and demeanour and was always engaged and interested in you and your family. A fantastic man and a person who I really enjoyed seeing and listening to every Sunday. Special prayers to the Sabean family

Oct 8, 2020

## **Judy Brown**

Judy and family,

Our deepest condolences to you all. Don was a wonderful man who always had a smile for everyone. We are all thinking about you at this difficult time.

Judy, Allan, Patty & Tyler

Oct 8, 2020

#### **Sheila Frechette**

Dear Judy and family,

With a heavy heart I read Donald's obit in the newspaper This Week! I was filled with grief and was shaken with sorrow as I read the paper. Just know my thoughts are with you and your entire family.

Oct 8, 2020

### **Donna and Wayne Short**

Dear Judy and family

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Although we haven't been in touch for a long time, we remember you both fondly. In our prayers

Oct 8, 2020

### **Gladys Lougheed**

To Judy & Family, Sorry for your loss, I have none Don For Years when he was selling life Insurance. He was a very dear friend to our Family. My Thoughts & Prayers are with You all. RIP Don.

Oct 9, 2020

## **Doris Dugdale**

Judy I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a special person and was loved by so many. His sense of humor unbeaten. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. RIP Don.

Oct 9, 2020

## **Jackie Dempers & Dempers Family**

I met Don as a client at Dundas Dental in Whitby. We soon discovered that my husband and family were long time members that had attended and participated in services at St. Matthew's church. Always such a lovely and positive conversation every time he came to the office and a heart of gold. May Don remain blessed and at peace. His presence will be missed.

Oct 10, 2020

### **Kelly Hasey**

Judy and family, so sorry to hear of Don's passing, I met Don at Canada Life many years ago, his infectious laughter, big hugs and friendliness to all of us at the Scarborough office made going to work everyday more fun .. he will be missed by all his friends may he rest in peace

Oct 11, 2020

## Ross and Jeanette McCrae and family

Judy and family, So sorry to hear about Don, We were so lucky to know him. When we would run into him his smile was so genuine. Oshawa has lost a wonderful member of the community. No one worked harder than Don for others. Big shoes to fill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

#### Shawn Bastarache

Dear Chris and family,

Sorry for your loss. Condolences and thoughts and prayers to you all.

Sincerely,

Shawn Bastarache

Oct 14, 2020

## **David Wyllie and family**

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. You were a great couple, meant to be together. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Oct 18, 2020

## **Allyson Lemire**

My sincere sympathy to Judy and the entire Sabean Family on the passing of Don. This is sad news. He served so faithfully always a warm welcoming smile at church. May he rest in peace and may God comfort you all at this time of tremendous loss.

Allyson Lemire

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