

FLATT, Donald Arni (Don) [UNTD CHIPPAWA '58 U-452] (1941 - 2014) Age: 73



DONALD ARNI FLATT On October 4, 2014, at the St. Boniface Hospital, Donald Arni Flatt passed away peacefully, after a prolonged struggle with cancer. Don will be deeply mourned by his daughters and sons-in-law, Allison and Peter Bruckshaw, Miranda and Vern Winn, and his beloved grandchildren, Jon, Lilja, and Elinor Bruckshaw, who brought him great joy. He will also be mourned by his dear friend and travelling companion, Yvette Vincent. Don was born on April 7, 1941, and was a lifelong St. Vital resident. He grew up on Morier Avenue with his mother, Olive, and his brother, David. He attended Glenwood and Nordale Schools before receiving a scholarship to St. John's Ravenscourt. In his youth, Don spent two summers as an officer cadet with the Royal Canadian Navy before enrolling in university. After three false starts, he found his vocation and went on to receive four degrees: a B.A., a B.Ed., a M.A. (in English), and an L.L.B. from the University of Manitoba. Don began his teaching career at Lavallee School before moving onto Nelson MacIntyre as a grade 11 and 12 English teacher. He was elected president of the Norwood Teachers' Association and, with his team, negotiated the first maternity leaves for teachers in Manitoba. Looking for a new challenge, Don enrolled in law school in his mid-30s with the support of his former wife, Vaughn. He began his practice with Erickson and Clay before becoming a sole practitioner with offices on Osborne Street. He last practised in his home, where he met with clients at the dining room table until shortly before his death. He maintained a positive attitude until the very end, choosing to ignore conventional expectations, and travelling extensively throughout North America and Europe after his diagnosis. We will remember him sitting on the veranda or around the fireplace, telling stories about his adventures. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 11, at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 130 Nassau St. N. at 10:00 a.m. Friends may wish to send donations to CancerCare Manitoba, 675 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9 or to send clothes and books to Value Village in support of diabetes research and treasure hunters. Special thanks to Dr. Chris Ogaranko, the staff of St. Boniface 7W, his home care workers, and the Palliative Care nurses.

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Don had 2 UNTD summers; '59 and '60. In the condolence section, UNTD classmate Andre Renaud refers to a NYC trip in '69. That would have been either '59 or '60.

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