



REMEMBERING
Donald John Royston
July 2, 1929 - November 6, 2023



Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre

H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Andrew Watkinson and Anne Scott

Relation: Don was Andrew's uncle

We will miss our chats and visits with Uncle Don so much -- we were always so impressed by his cheerfulness, independence, and resilience. He was an inspiring example of aging well! We are so happy his death was peaceful and in a beautiful place of his own choosing. Special thanks to Don's close friend Jay Garrow for all his wonderful help, friendship, and support for Don.

Tribute from Marie and Chris Brain

Relation: Neighbour

We will really miss Don. We have had him as a neighbour for almost 28 years and really thought a lot of him. Frances as well. They both lived such a healthy lifestyle - Don, working hard in his amazing veggie garden and Frances with all her beautiful flowers. I like to think that they're together again now. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Tribute from Robert Neufeld

Relation: Don and Francis were my neighbours when I lived in Cobble Hill.

R.I.P. My dear friend. We were neighbours when I lived in Cobble Hill. Don and Francis were very generous with their friendship, garden produce, sage advice. I enjoyed our bus trip to Campbell River to the Casino. Don and Francis will now be able to dance to their hearts content. I will miss our visits and conversations. Sincerely Robert Neufeld.

Tribute from Jay Garrow

Relation: friend

Don is and was my good friend, a father figure, and my moral compass for the past 25 years. Never a disagreement or mean words were ever spoken. Don, was a man of honesty and integrity from an era when a handshake or your word was your bond. Don gave me hope and to believe that, that world still exists. I will miss so much including our long daily phone calls, weekly lunches out, and then after-lunch

snoozes back at the "Royston Ranch".

Frances and Don are now side by side forever just as they were the day they were happily married.

Thank you both for all the good times and the love we shared.

Tribute from Dale Adams

Relation: Yard maintenance

I started working for Don and Francis many years ago cutting grass with a push mower until he brought a brand new husquvarna riding mower that was a real pleasure cutting grass. Don would be out digging up the plantains that were on the lawn. Rotatilling his large garden getting ready to plant vegetables. He always had a good joke to tell when he would bring me in for tea. It was a real pleasure working for him on the Royston Ranch. He will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him he will now be resting beside Francis now

Tribute from Bob and Fran Fisher

Relation: friends

So very sorry to hear of Don's passing. Our condolences to his relatives and friends. We had known Don and Frances for over 50 years.

They would always stop and spend a few days with us whenever they traveled with their RV to Saskatchewan, and we would always visit them whenever we went back to the Island for a visit. Don's integrity, sense of humor, honesty and compassion will be remembered by us, and we will truly miss our long chats on the phone. He dearly missed his Frances and now they will be "together again".

Tribute from Robert Mohat

Relation: My wife Cheryl and I met Don & Francis at a senior's dance in Duncan

We found Don & Francis to be very kind, thoughtful people, who were very giving and always thinking of others, a truly wonderful couple, Don kept our friendship alive by keeping in contact periodically. They will be missed.

Tribute from Kenille Belanger

Relation: Housekeeper/ friend

The beauty of a memory is that it's always there. Like a penny in your pocket you can take it anywhere.

And when your heart is heavy and your eyes are filled with tears you can focus on a memory and travel through the years .

Your heart can visit happy times when laughter filled the air and the presence of your loved ones will lessen your dispir.

So as you travel on in life take comfort as you go

In a lifetime of sweet memories of the ones who loved and cared you so very much Don loves you longtime my friend

Tribute from Coady Turner

Relation: Very close friend

Our family met both Don and Frances during the summer of 1993. We were both living on Atkins Drive at the time. Don and Frances both were so kind to us. We panned him Potato Don as he would

give us potatoes from his garden. We sadly moved from Victoria in 1995 but we were able to visit them in Cobblehill early 2000. Don and I spoke often over the years. He would call me every year on my birthday, which I fondly remember. We would speak at Christmas and New Year's. We comforted each other through our conversations and he always had great advice. Both Don and Frances were wonderful people and I considered them as part of our family. Don, I'm going to sadly miss those phone calls and hearing you speak about your gardens while we had 4 feet of snow. Until we meet again my friend, you will be missed. Say hi to Frances for us, I'm sure she still has her curlers in. Love and respect, Coady and Susan Turner.

Tribute from Elizabeth Cox

Relation: Friend and neighbour

Don and Francis were indeed a special couple. Met them while he worked at the Graving Dock and yes, he was always sharing the abundance from his garden. When they built their new house on Atkins Road they made it possible for us to buy their former house on the property at a time when house purchases were almost out of reach. They enjoyed our three children not having children of their own and after moving to Cobble Hill we followed them to Mill Bay. We kept in contact with visits at Christmas and check-ins throughout the years! Happy they can be together again in paradise..

