

BRUCE MCDONALD



BRUCE E. MCDONALD It is with profound sadness we announce that Bruce E. McDonald, 78, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, passed away suddenly on Friday, April 27, 2012 at Victoria General Hospital. He is survived by his beloved wife Judy (nee Ahern); his children, Mary Ellen, Mark (Marie), Anne (David), Ruth (Gilles), and Jane (Gener); grandchildren, Lisanne, Nicole, Katrine, Gabrielle, Margaux, Gideon and Gillian; siblings, Ilene, Shirley, Jo, and Barry. He was predeceased by his parents, Matthew and Mary McDonald. Bruce was born on April 30, 1933 in Chailey, Alberta. He grew up on a family farm where he developed his skill in carpentry and his passion for research through his involvement with the 4-H Club. This involvement led to a full scholarship to the University of Alberta where he graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and in 1960 with a Masters in Science in Nutrition. He went on to receive his doctorate in Nutrition and Biochemistry in 1963 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. While pursuing his doctorate, he met Judy Louise Ahern in the spring of 1961 and they were married on June 30, 1962 in Dubuque, Iowa. He had a post-doctorate fellowship at the University of Illinois from 1963 to 1964 and the following year began his career as a professor at the University of McGill, Macdonald College. In 1968 he accepted an academic post at the University of Manitoba. As professor, he served the University with distinction until his retirement in 1998, receiving many awards and accolades for his roles as lecturer, researcher, and administrator. Following his retirement he was honoured to have the title Professor Emeritus conferred on him and a scholarship set up in his name. Never one to stay idle, he continued working as Executive Director of the Manitoba Health Research Council from 1997 to 2004. He also served in appointments for Health Canada / Heart and Stroke Canada and the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute. Over the course of his career, he authored 25 scientific papers, seven book chapters, and two books. While Bruce was dedicated to his academic life, ultimately he was committed and devoted to his family, friends, and faith. Each summer Bruce and his family embarked on travels to Dubuque, Iowa and Manville, Alberta to visit with family. These long car journeys were a time for bonding, playing family games, and enjoying each other. As his children grew older, Bruce and Judy established a new summer tradition when they designed and built the family cottage near Kenora, Ontario. It still serves today as the McDonald gathering spot and remains a source of many great family memories. Bruce was a loving husband and a wonderful father and grandfather. He was also an extraordinary role model to his friends and

family, demonstrating dignity and integrity in all of his activities. He will be greatly missed by all. A service will be held Friday, May 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary Mother of the Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's memory may be made to the Bruce McDonald Award in Clinical Nutrition, University of Manitoba, 179 Extended Education Complex, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2. Chapel Lawn www.chapellawn.mb.ca 885-9715