

# DONALD MEADOWS



DONALD JAMES MEADOWS It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Donald James Meadows on Sunday April 5, 2015. Don is survived by his wife Leslie, his daughter Katharine (Michael) Kingdon and grandchildren William, James, and Emily; son Jonathan (Tara) and grandchildren Madison, Zoë, and Levi; daughter Laura; son Michael (Lianne Kupchik) and grandchildren Brendan and Natasha; in-laws Bernard Banks and family; sister-in-law Tess Meadows; step-sister Rhoda de Bourcier, and various nieces and nephews. Don was predeceased by his mother Kathleen (Holmes) Meadows, father Claude, stepmother Jenny, sister Dorothy Smith and brothers Tom (Gloria), Ed (Muriel) and Bob. Don was born in Minnedosa on February 6, 1931. He completed high school, was active in the development of Camp Wannakumbac and in 1953 entered the Bachelor of Science Agriculture program at University of Manitoba, graduating in 1957. He served as an Ag Rep in Teulon and Baldur before embarking on a trip around the world where he met the love of his life, Leslie Banks of New Zealand, on the ship returning to Canada. Don married Leslie on October 24, 1959 at St. Jude's Anglican Church, Winnipeg. After working with the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Cooperation for two years, he and Leslie returned to New Zealand where their daughter, Katharine, was born. Don and family returned to Canada where he became the Ag Rep in Carberry in July of 1961. Sons, Jonathan and Michael were born and daughter, Laura, was adopted while the family lived in Carberry. Don left Carberry to take the Diploma in Extension program in Saskatoon in 1967, after which he became the Coordinator of Community Affairs in Manitoba in 1968. In 1971, the family moved to Southern Africa when Don took a position through CIDA at the Lesotho campus of the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland where he worked with the staff to upgrade their educational skills. Don returned to Winnipeg in 1973 and worked with the Department of Education and then the Faculty of Agriculture until his retirement in 1990. Over the years, Don and Leslie travelled extensively, visiting all ten Canadian Provinces, most of the Northern United States, New Zealand and Australia. Don was a kind, gentle, but strong man who will be missed by all whose lives he has touched. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Don's family doctor, Dr. Cam Lowden and the wonderful doctors, nurses, and staff of Victoria Hospital who always treated Don with dignity and warmth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120 Condolences may be sent to: [www.thomsoninthepark.com](http://www.thomsoninthepark.com)  
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