

It is with a deep sense of loss that the family of Donald “Don” Raymond Monson, 80, of Bedford, share the news of his passing on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at Parkstone Enhanced Care in Halifax. Born in Toronto, he was a son of the late Arnold and Vivian (Martin) Monson.

Don grew up in the Toronto area and attended Downsview High School and later the University of Toronto where he earned his pharmacy degree. His career in pharmacy extended over four decades.

He moved to Vancouver in 1977 and enjoyed the west coast lifestyle with his family. Don was a very musical guy. He played piano and taught himself guitar and bass. His very deep walk of faith in Jesus brought him into many opportunities to play music in worship bands and sing in the choir.

When the internet showed up, he was the first guy on the block to get a computer. He loved all the “techy” stuff. He took to it like ducks take to water. Don had many hobbies over the years but because of his love of the outdoors he found something that was a perfect fit for his personality: Geocaching. If you don’t know about it just google it. It’s a worldwide hobby. He was one of the first guys in his area to find a cache and soon was making some to put out for others to find. This hobby involved the whole family for over 20 years. He found nearly 3000 caches worldwide! Oh, what fun we had including the young grandkids who went with grandpa to find “twesures in the forest”. So, you go out finding these hidden objects and go home and log it onto the website. Oh, how he loved this!

When Don became ill, he moved with Dena to Halifax to be near their daughter and her family. Still geocaching a bit, mind you!

The family wants to thank the staff at Parkstone Extended Care for the kindness and love they showed to both Don and the family as they took such beautiful care of him for his last year of life.

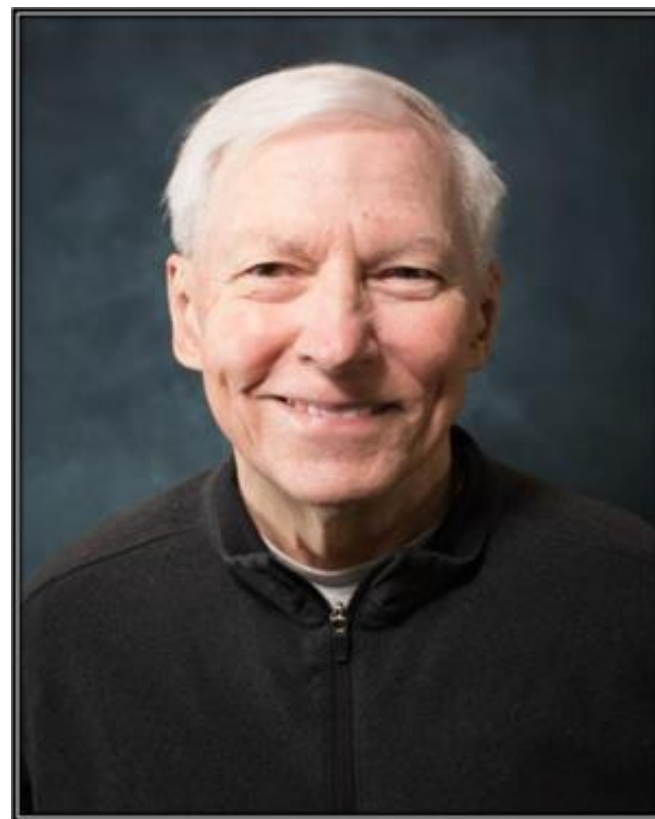
Don leaves behind his loving wife Dena, adored daughter, Jennifer (Joshua) Allen, Bedford, proud grandfather to Everleigh and Kai; sisters, Marion (Peter) Burritt, Brampton, Eleanor (David) Copping, Carleton Place, Ottawa; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Don’s wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his life will be held at Grace Chapel, Halifax, on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Ross Macdonald officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Care Cremations & Memorial Services.

For those wishing, donations in Don’s memory made to a charity close to you would be appreciated by his family.

Celebration of Life Don Monson

February 23, 1946 – September 29, 2026



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day
—and not only to me,
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Psalm 34

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

A Poem for Don

God saw that you were tired,
And gently called you home.
No longer bound by pain or worry,
No longer lost or alone.

Your faith was strong, your heart was kind,
Your love was quietly shown.
And though we wish you could have stayed,
God has welcomed you back home.

We picture you in heaven now,
Where peace and music fill the air.
Perhaps you're singing with the angels.
Knowing God is always there.

We'll miss you more than words can say,
But one thing will always be true:
The love you gave us here on earth
Will live on in all we do.

Order of Service

Prelude

Laurie Ewer on Piano

Our Prayer

By the Beach Boys

Welcome & Prayer

Poem

Granddaughter Everleigh Allen

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" HB-60

Memories from Friends & Family

Ken Parker

Dave Copping

Daughter Jen Allen

Video Tribute

Scripture Reading

Grandson Kai Allen

Message

Pastor Ross Macdonald

Hymn "It is Well" HG-519

Closing Prayer