



Don Kennedy

March 7, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William Donald “Don” Kennedy on March 7, 2023 at Fairfield Park in Wallaceburg at the age of 95 years.

Dear father to his three sons; Douglas (Suzanne Kuchta), Sandy (Karen Lapoint) and Scott (Tekla Lampman). Proud Grandpa to Marcy (Chris) Saylor, Ian (Stephanie) Kennedy, Janine (Tim) Turnbull, Carolyn (Derek) Rickman, Brad (Jamie) Kennedy, Kristina (Mike) Simpson and Jeff (Kayla) Kennedy. Proud GeePa to Ezra Kennedy, Grady and Amelia Turnbull, Kaley and Blake Rickman, Oliver and Evelyn Simpson.

Don was born January 9, 1928 in Guelph Ontario. He is predeceased by his parents David and Bessie Kennedy; siblings John David Kennedy, Agnes Elizabeth Shaw, and Barbara McKay Pennington/Metherell; and his loving wife Ruth Isabelle (Simpson) Kennedy (2021).

Don and Ruth farmed for many years in the Tupperville area. They retired to the beautiful shores of Lake Huron just outside of Kincardine where Don’s family had spent their summers his whole life. Don was a Scout leader and a lifelong Rotarian. He and Ruth spent many hours tending the Rotary gardens in Kincardine by the marina. He loved his big dogs and many will remember him and Ruth with their dog, Oreo, walking in the Pipe band parade every Saturday night in Kincardine throughout the summer. Emmerton Beach held his heart and he did his absolute best to install a love of the lake and surrounding area in his children, grandchildren and anyone who came to visit.

As per Don's wishes his cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231). The family will be holding a Celebration of Life and Burial in Kincardine at a later date. If you wish to make a donation in Don's Memory, please consider the Kincardine Rotary Club or Wallaceburg Pet and Wildlife Rescue. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Kennedy



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 09, 2023 at 02:00 PM

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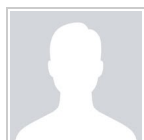
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Neil and Joy O'Brien - March 10, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss. Kellie & Rob Watson

Kellie Watson - March 18, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Don was a wonderful man and a great Rotarian. I remember spending time in Rotary Park with Don and Ruth. Great people

Lillian Watterworth - March 17, 2023 at 08:36 PM

RR

“ We are sorry for your loss. Don was a great Rotarian here in Kincardine, The work that Ruth and he put in at our gardens was amazing. He was a good freind and alot of fun. I can still hear him laugh. Rick and Donna Sue Robson

richard robson - March 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM

DA

“ *Dennis And Annmarie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Don Kennedy*



Dennis and Annmarie Alexander - March 10, 2023 at 06:27 AM

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“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 09, 2023 at 01:58 PM

TR

“ *I'm so sorry to hear Don's passing. He was my first scout leader when I moved to Tupperville. Him and Ruth were so great to us and learned so much from them.*

Tracy - March 09, 2023 at 01:15 PM

FV

“ So to hear of the loss of your Dad.



Frank Kim VanMensel - March 09, 2023 at 12:12 PM

JT

“ Sending my sympathies to the Kennedy family



JONI TREMBLEY - March 09, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss!
Fred & Dianne Chapple

Dianne Chapple - March 09, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SS

“*Doug, Suzanne & Family: I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I will always remember him at the many Scout camporees at Wadiscoca and travelling to an EgrBvr Weekend at Northwoods Reservation with Art Thibideau, Fred Thompkins and myself. He was a great friend and mentor. I am sorry though that I never met up with him in Kincardine. I'll be thinking of him when I play in this year's parade.*”



Scott Shaw - March 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM

GM

“*My deepest sympathy Suzanne, Doug and all of the Kennedy family*”

Gay Peters Myers



Gay Myers - March 09, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BC

“ So many memories of Don (and Ruth)... as cub and scout leaders... lighting a fire with no more than 2 matches, camping, knots, selling Christmas trees, etc, etc

Then their amazing and generous hospitality while sharing their Emerson Beach home with my family and I for so many years.

Marching in the Saturday parade, horseshoes, campfires, fishing, etc, etc. My adult children still talk about and treasure memories made during summers at Kincardine with Don & Ruth.

Don was a great role model and friend.

Our condolences to Doug, Sandy and Scott and families.

Brian Courtis family

Brian Courtis - March 09, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss.



Sherry & Dave Crowe - March 09, 2023 at 09:42 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to Suzanne, Doug, family and friends

Carol-Anne and Lance



Lance Babcock - March 09, 2023 at 09:40 AM

BA

“ *Our condolences to the Kennedy family*

brett and Sue Anderson - March 09, 2023 at 09:39 AM

DH

“ *Ian and families, So sorry to hear of your grandfather's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Doug & Mary Anne Hodgson

Doug Hodgson - March 08, 2023 at 10:38 PM

TJ

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to everyone!* 

Tim and Judy - March 08, 2023 at 09:51 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Kennedy*



Brenda Stokes - March 08, 2023 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ *Sincere condolences. He has joined his beloved Ruth in heaven. He was a great man.*

Dawne and Ron Mudford - March 08, 2023 at 09:32 PM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss, prayers for the Kennedy families



Debbie McDonald - March 08, 2023 at 08:46 PM

BH

“ Brenda Henry lit a candle in memory of Don Kennedy



Brenda Verschoore Henry - March 08, 2023 at 06:31 PM

CA

“ Condolences to the Kennedy family. Cathy(Janovicek)Avery

Cathy Avery - March 08, 2023 at 01:48 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Don Kennedy



Gerry Flynn - March 08, 2023 at 01:11 PM

TF

“ Don was always ready to greet us when we arrived for visits at Emerson beach, as well as hugs at leaving. And it was our pleasure (along with the others) to provide him with beachside entertainment; beach volleyball dives, errant and unruly horseshoes... And campfire singing! I know our family has many good memories of time spent with the Kennedy's. We all remember Don, Ruth and Oreo heading out for beach and parade walks. Our thoughts are with the family at this time. We hope that many good memories fill your hearts. Hugs from all the Thompson's!

Mary-Anne & Dave
Lauren, Neil & Nicole

Thompson family - March 08, 2023 at 01:01 PM

CD

Don was always excited to see who Scott and tekla were bringing to the cottage. We had the pleasure of being two of those guests. We enjoyed listening to his stories while he smoked his pipe! He was very gracious to share his home on the beach. I'm sure he and Ruth enjoyed the entertainment provided by the guests from their upper deck! REST IN PEACE Mike and Connie and family

Connie Denomme - March 08, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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Our sympathy to Doug, Sandy and Scot and families on the death of your dad, remembering your dad from the time he first met your mom, and the early years when they lived on the farm in Guelph. Ruth being our cousin we spent many hours together when we were young.

Neil and Joy O'Brien - March 10, 2023 at 10:53 AM

HC

The Kennedy (lead by Don) and Courtis family's were long time friends. First here in Tupperville area and of course you couldn't know Don, Ruth and boys with out knowing about Kincardine. The high light of each summer growing up was a vacation at Emerton beach and 90 Gordon St. First at the cabin then, in there 2 story cottage/ home. When myself personally had children they became equally connected on summer vacations with Don & Ruth. They would appear on the upper balcony early each morning to watch us all go for a polar dip. Don was especially helpful at shaming any stragglers to this tradition. He especially pointed out if any one came back with dry hair. To him this was cheating. Later when they needed to return to Wallaceburg they returned to attending Zion United church in Tupperville. I was doing a children's story at a special evening service and I used this opportunity to high light Don and Ruth. Since it was in the evening and in their senior years it wasn't sure if they would be in attendance. I contacted Doug to encourage them to be there. He reported back to me that they would be there as they had been practicing staying up that late. I will never forget the grin on Don's face when I recounted how he would lead rookie cubs and scouts on snipe hunts. Ah such good memories - Harry Courtis

Harry Courtis - April 04, 2023 at 03:19 PM