



Donald Dean MacDonald

February 7, 2025

On Friday, February 7, 2025, Donald 'Dean' MacDonald went peacefully to be reunited with his beloved wife Lorraine (Babcock) (2023). He will be forever cherished by his children Lynne VanderVeeken (Terry), Kim Gilhuly (Todd), Jill Provost and Eric MacDonald (Angie) and his grandchildren Katherine (Adam) Lachance, Elizabeth VanderVeeken, Evan Gilhuly, Christin Barr (Marv), Kelly Provost and Aiden, Holden and Ewan MacDonald. Dear Great-Grandfather of Leah, Wesley and Theo. Son of the late Eric and Eleanor MacDonald and survived by his dear sister Margaret Ann Heath. Dean will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and extended family. From a very young age, Dean was the owner operator of Mac Construction, Elric Contractors and Elcon Engineering. His companies designed and built many commercial buildings around Chatham Kent and Lambton County. Dean was a member of the Ten-Op group that was instrumental in bringing a Holiday Inn Hotel to Wallaceburg which is now the Oaks Retirement Hotel. He retired when he was fifty to spend more time with family and friends. He was a supporter of Wallaceburg throughout all his retirement years. He served on the Economic Development Commission for a few years. He held many positions on the Board of Directors of Sydenham District Hospital. He has been a member of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada Lodge No. 312 for more than 60 years and a proud member of The Mocha Shriners, London for many years. Dean was a volunteer ambassador for Wallaceburg throughout his life. Dean was the son of a ship builder (Mac Craft) and

naturally purchased several different boats over the years – both fiberglass and wooden. He enjoyed several years of boating. Dean also enjoyed restoring antique vehicles over the years. He restored fire trucks, army vehicles and a jeep. The vehicles were sold and transported to New York, Michigan and Europe. In his later years he enjoyed many day trips with his wife all over Southwestern Ontario and Michigan. Together they travelled many kilometers. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231). If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Trinity United Church in Wallaceburg or the CKHA – Sydenham Campus. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Connie Marie Blair lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Connie Marie Blair - March 18, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ *Matthew and I were sad to hear of Dean's passing. My parents always spoke highly of Dean and all of his accomplishments. Sincere condolences to the entire family.*

Jane and Matthew Manneke - February 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM

LS

“ *Lynne, Kim, Jill and Eric; Marg, Marci and Scott: I had not heard about Dean's death until now. I am so very sorry for your loss. My mom always loved Dean and spoke highly of him. She would be so sad if she understood that he had died. Please know that I am thinking of all of you and your families.*

Linda Murray Seaton - February 22, 2025 at 08:27 AM

KC

“ *Sending my condolences to all. It was such a pleasure to care for Dean. He always had a story and a smile. RIP Dean...keep telling this stories!!*



Kim Colbers - February 21, 2025 at 12:47 AM

JW

“Michelle and I offer our sincerest sympathies to the entire family. Dean was a one of a kind person and was responsible for a lot of the good things that happened in Wallaceburg. Our community can always use a lot more "Deans" and we are so sorry we lost this one. Sincerely Jeff and Michelle Wesley

Jeffrey Alan Wesley - February 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM

KH

“Jill and family, I am sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort to you all during this time.



Kathy Hawkins - February 20, 2025 at 11:28 AM

PD

“Lynne, sincerest sympathy to you and your family. May warm memories of your father comfort you at this very sad time.

Penny Daniels - February 16, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DV

“So sorry for your loss Jill, Lynn and the entire MacDonald family.



Debbie Vancoillie - February 15, 2025 at 06:24 PM

HH

“ Condolences to Dean's family . He was a true gentleman .



Harvey Handsor - February 15, 2025 at 04:18 PM

MM

“ So sorry fir the loss of your father, Lynne, Kim and Jill. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Michele and Paul Myers - February 15, 2025 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss.



Janet and Montie - February 15, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JD

“ Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Julie DeMeyer - February 15, 2025 at 09:14 AM

DB

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Doug & Cindy Babbitt - February 15, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DK

“ My condolences to the family. Dean always had a friendly word to say when he would drop by the office. I was always amazed at the restoration projects he took on. Rest In Peace Dean

David Krogman - February 14, 2025 at 11:10 PM

PL

“ Pat&Gail Lucier lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Pat&Gail Lucier - February 14, 2025 at 02:58 PM

LP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing Lynne. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
Linda Parry

Linda Parry - February 14, 2025 at 02:30 PM

RL

“ sorry for your loss



Rob Labadie - February 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM

WC

“ *Sending our sympathy to all the family your dad was a very good friend of my dad . he was so kind to him . your dad was a very special man*

wendy cammaart - February 14, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CH

“ *Patsy Van Haecke*



Carol Van Haecke - February 14, 2025 at 11:38 AM

TD

“ *Sending our sympathy to all the family. Your parents are now together. Hold on to the many wonderful memories. Love and hugs Tammy and Tony Dobbelaar*



Tammy and Tony Dobbelaar - February 14, 2025 at 07:55 AM

LD

“ *Luanne Dubuque lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Luanne Dubuque - February 13, 2025 at 11:19 PM

BS

“ To the Macdonald family. Very sorry to hear of Dean’s passing. I never got to spend a lot of time around your Dad but I know how well he was respected! He did some business with my Dad and enjoyed some times together! Brian Skinner

Brian Skinner - February 13, 2025 at 10:15 PM

LH

“ Lynne, Jill, Kim, Eric and all of the MacDonald family, we are very sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. What a career and life lived. I know how proud you must all be of his wonderful accomplishments. He will be missed by his family & friends but his memories will definitely live on in many. Thinking of you all
Stuart, Lorrie Handsor and family

Lorrie Handsor - February 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

JK

“ Deepest condolences to Lynne and Terry, Kim and Todd, Jill and all of the family. Cherish your memories and know your dad is happily reunited with your mom. They both raised a wonderful family.

Sincerely
Denise, Jan, Curtis and Kevin Kellett

Jan and Denise Kellett - February 13, 2025 at 07:44 PM



LJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dean’s family. Dean was a wonderful, friendly gentleman.

Lyle and Eileen Jardine - February 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Sherry VanGeersdaele - February 13, 2025 at 06:35 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Gerry Flynn - February 13, 2025 at 06:19 PM

AH

“ *I remember as a high school student swimming from their dock in port lambton and how they treated every one with respect and kindness which was how this great family lived. rest in peace dean.*

austin hockin - February 13, 2025 at 04:05 PM

EF

“ *Thinking of you Lynne Terry and families. Knowing that your dad is now forever with your mom hopefully brings you some comfort*



Erin Freeburn - February 13, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JW

“ Our sincere condolences to Dean’s family .
Dean was a great supporter of our Sydenham
District Hospital , of the Staff and Physicians .
His humour and endearing personality will
always be remembered
Janis and Allan Wadsworth



janis wadsworth - February 13, 2025 at 01:32 PM

CC

“ Our deepest condolences to all of the family,
especially Lynn, Terry and the girls, we are
good friends of Lynn & Terry through hockey,
Liz and our girls played together for many
years! We had the privilege of meeting Lynn’s
parents at Liz’s hockey games! They were sooo proud of Liz, they
were the sweetest couple ❤️❤️ may he fly high with the angels, and
be reunited/back in the arms of his wife 🙏🕊️🕊️ sending lots of
love and friendship-Colette , Trevor, Jilli & Halle Crane



Colette Crane - February 13, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JB

“ John &Lori Bogaert lit a candle in memory of
Donald Dean MacDonald



John &Lori Bogaert - February 13, 2025 at 10:33 AM

BD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the MacDonald family. Dean was a great person.* ”



Bob and Jan Dekoning - February 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JH

“ *Jim & Lynda Hedges lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald* ”



Jim & Lynda Hedges - February 13, 2025 at 08:37 AM

KE

“ *Karen Emery lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald* ”



Karen Emery - February 13, 2025 at 06:23 AM

C(

“ *Sending my condolences to all of you at this difficult time* ”



Cathy Vickerd (Taylor) - February 13, 2025 at 05:59 AM

ED

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. He will be missed



Emer and Dale Dudley - February 12, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ Most sincere sympathy from Stan Jackson.



Mari Cole - February 12, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Most sincere sympathy. Dean truly “left his mark “ and made a positive difference in Wallaceburg and area. He will be fondly remembered.

Mari Cole - February 12, 2025 at 09:48 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you.



Sherry (Rose) & David Crowe - February 12, 2025 at 09:37 PM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the MacDonald family. Have comfort knowing that your Mother and Father are reunited...as they were always meant to be. Truly amazing parents, grandparents and mother and father in law for all. RIP Dean and Lorraine.*

Jeff Provost - February 12, 2025 at 08:45 PM

RT

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dean's passing. Thinking of all of you in your sorrow. ❤️*



Ron and Suzy Trepanier - February 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

MH

“ *BEST BROTHER EVER!!*

Love Marg



Margaret Heath - February 12, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Crowe lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Brenda Crowe - February 12, 2025 at 07:19 PM

VD

“ To Jill and the McDonald family so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing our prayers and thoughts are with you all the Davis family

Vicky Davis - February 12, 2025 at 06:55 PM

HJ

“ Our condolences to you and all your family Lynne on the passing of your Dad.

Herb & Brenda.



Herb & Brenda de Jong - February 12, 2025 at 06:36 PM

GM

“ Garda Markham lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Garda Markham - February 12, 2025 at 06:31 PM

TF

“ Hugs to all the MacDonald family. You we're so lucky to have had such great parents and they in turn raised a lovely family.



Theresa Freeburn - February 12, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JE

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Lynne/Terry, Kim/Todd, Jill, Eric/Angie and their families. We are truly sorry for your loss. Hoping that you can take comfort in knowing that he is reunited with Lorraine.
Sincerely,
Jean & Dave Elliott
And family



Jean/Dave Elliott - February 12, 2025 at 05:19 PM

JM

“ Jill and family
Thinking of you, sorry for the loss of your dad.
Janice (Smith) MacKinnon



Janice MacKinnon - February 12, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KT

“ 1 file added to the album Friends



Kim Thomaes - February 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM

GH

“ *garbutt hyde lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



garbutt hyde - February 12, 2025 at 04:11 PM

RC

“ *To the MacDonald Families, please accept my sincerest condolence on your loss.*

Dean often said that he preferred to look at property in the early morning hours because if people saw him downtown they would question where his next project would start. He was a welcome member of the Tim's coffee club always bringing insight to any topic. He was proud of his children and grand kids. Always a proponent of Wallaceburg and boosting us, he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He was a wonderful man dedicated to his family.

Bob Copeland

Robert Copeland - February 12, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JB

“ *Kim, Condolences to you and your family on the passing of your Dad. Sounds like he had a great life and was a true friend of Wallaceburg. Treasure all the great times you shared and carry them in your heart during this difficult time. Judy Bodkin*

Judy Bodkin - February 12, 2025 at 03:37 PM

RU

“ Lynne, Jill, Kim, Katherine, Elizabeth and extended families
Your former classmate Lynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dean
MacDonald. I am so glad as an adult I had the opportunity to get to
know your parents. I remember you and your family went to Florida
and you brought in the whole class souvenirs. There was a souvenir
for every single child in our class. I kept my sea shells for the
longest time. Bless all of you at this very difficult time Ruth

Ruth - February 12, 2025 at 03:36 PM

CM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Deans beautiful family. Dean was a
beautiful fun filled man. I was down town
, a few years ago looking for a card Lorraine and Dean were also
looking for a birthday card for one of their aging friend. I found one
but Lorraine said he couldn't send that one but he insisted on
buying. He thought it was a great card, I don't know if that card was
ever sent but he left the store happy about having that card. God
Bless this beautiful couple together again.
Tony and Carmen Myers

carmen myers - February 12, 2025 at 03:34 PM

CB

“ Cathy and Marty Van Bunderen lit a candle in
memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Cathy and Marty Van Bunderen - February 12, 2025 at 03:34 PM

CM

“ *carmen myers lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



carmen myers - February 12, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BM

“ *Blake A Mann lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Blake A Mann - February 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JT

“ *Dear Lynne, Kim, Jill, Eric, Marg and families, The MacDonald family has always been a part of our family. Dean grew up right behind my grandparents home and he and my Uncle Larry were always good buddies. His mother and my grandmother had great visits as they were hanging their laundry on the lines. I was often there for that and there are many memories I will hold dear. We along with my mother Barb Thornton send our deepest condolences to you all. May Dean rest in peace along side your dear Mom.*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - February 12, 2025 at 03:06 PM

DM

“ *Dan & Karen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Dan & Karen Marshall - February 12, 2025 at 02:49 PM

MV

“ *Dear Lynn and Terry, Kim and Todd, Jill and Eric and Angie and all of the MacDonald family, we are so sorry for your loss of a Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa, who was quite the icon for Wallaceburg. You must be so proud of him. All the volunteering he did for our Sydenham Campus hospital and sitting on the board! We all appreciate all of his time and efforts in everything he did for our town. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mary and Lionel*



Mary VanDamme - February 12, 2025 at 02:14 PM

LB

“ *Our condolences to Deans family and friends Dean was always a wallaceburg supporter and community builder. He will be missed by his family, many friends and the community at large. Wallaceburg has lost another great one.*
Lance Babcock



Lance Babcock - February 12, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MP

“ To Dean's Family Sorry to hear about your loss. He was a wonderful person. Marilyn Pollard

Marilyn Pollard - February 12, 2025 at 02:07 PM

RS

“ Todd, Kim and Evan and to the Family our condolences! May your memories sustain you all! May your Dad rest in peace

Rick and Pam Shepley - February 12, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MM

“ Dean was a chartered member of our coffee club at Timmie's on McNaughton. He generally had his own chair and seat at our table,



Dean was quite a character. He could be very entertaining and he kept us in stitches with his stories.

Dean really loved to drive his car, many times taking Lorraine on jaunts to Port Huron to the Olive Garden. He always told us about this adventure.

Dean will truly be missed.
He is with Lorraine now in a better place. R.I.P. our friend.
My sincere condolences to Deans entire family.

Sincerely,

Mike & Edie. McNaughton
Sombra TWP

Mike McNaughton - February 12, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JT

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad, I know he meant a lot to all of you

Joni L Trembley - February 12, 2025 at 01:09 PM

KD

“ To Lynne and Terry & family, and MacDonald families, we are so sorry for your loss. Take comfort in knowing your Mom and Dad were blessed with a beautiful family and lived their lives to the fullest. Cherish all the wonderful memories.

Ken & Louise Van Damme - February 12, 2025 at 01:03 PM

DC

“ Dianne (Cousins} and Fred Chapple lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Dianne Chapple - February 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CB

“ Lynn, Kim, Jill and Eric and your families, our deepest sympathy to you all on the passing of Uncle Dean. So glad we had that get together last August and we had the chance to visit with him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cathy and Kevin and Joe

Cathy Blake - February 12, 2025 at 12:31 PM

JC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dean's passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers to the MacDonald family during this difficult time. Cherish those memories and countless stories Dean always shared.



Jeannie Carroll - February 12, 2025 at 11:56 AM

LS

“ Dear Lynne, I am so sorry to hear of your dear dad's passing. Fathers are so special, and I feel for you, truly. I'm hoping to see you soon, to share a hug. Sincere condolences to you, Terry and family.

Louise Stallaert - February 12, 2025 at 11:50 AM

AS

“ To the MacDonald Families, our deepest condolences for your loss. May happy memories of your Dad bring you comfort and peace. Dean will be greatly missed. Alla & Doug Steen

Alla Steen - February 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM

TV

“ Tracy (O'Brien) and Eddie VanDamme lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Tracy (O'Brien) and Eddie VanDamme - February 12, 2025 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ *Barb Wilbur lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Barb Wilbur - February 12, 2025 at 10:58 AM

NA

“ *Norma Authier sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Norma Authier - February 12, 2025 at 10:28 AM

RL

“ *So sorry to hear of Dean's passing. Our deepest sympathies.*



Roger and Pam Lozon - February 12, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PR

“ *Kim my sympathy on the lose of your father. Phil Richards*

phil rchards - February 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM

GB

“ Gary & Janice Broidioi lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Gary & Janice Broidioi - February 12, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Dean's passing. I spent many mornings sharing laughs with Dean at Timmies. I'm so glad that I got to see him and visit, if only for a few moments at the Oaks. He was a super great guy and I know he will be missed by many.



Dawne Mudford - February 12, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RT

“ To Lynn and Terry and families sorry for your loss. My condolences to all your families. I had the pleasure of waiting on . Mr McDonald at the oaks when I was a teenager. At the round table he was always nice with us girls. Big hugs to all his family. From Roxanne Young Roxy



Roxanne Thomson - February 12, 2025 at 09:27 AM

BT

“ Lynne & family, please accept our condolences.



Brian & Linda Thornton - February 12, 2025 at 09:23 AM

GG

*My Sincere Condolences to the MacDonald families. My Father and Uncle both worked for Mr. MacDonald when it was Mac Construction. Mr. MacDonald was a very generous Man.
RIP Sir*

Gerry Glover - February 13, 2025 at 07:08 PM

WD

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you Jill and your family!*



Wendy Denning - February 12, 2025 at 09:08 AM

LD

“ *It is sad to read Dean's obituary. I am one of the many lives that your father touched during his life. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Luanne Duffy - February 12, 2025 at 09:07 AM

GM

“ *George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



George McGaffey - February 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Wallaceburg minor hockey. That resulted in a wonderful friendship that lasted over the years. A wonderful friendship that will be renewed when we meet again in heaven.*

Paul Stinson-Turner - February 12, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a wonderful man. I know you will have many memories to treasure forever.

Judy Bachus - February 12, 2025 at 08:32 AM

ML

“ Mel Lauwereys sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Mel Lauwereys - February 12, 2025 at 08:07 AM

TM

“ Tina & Andy Myers lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald



Tina & Andy Myers - February 12, 2025 at 06:58 AM

UN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the MacDonald family at Dean's passing. Sincere condolences to you all.



Uta Nowakowski - February 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

BC

“ Our most sincere condolences to Deans family and friends, keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers...🕊️



Beth & Steve Coopman - February 11, 2025 at 09:20 PM

BS

“ Lynn and families, we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Mine and yours can finally have that long awaited coffee together. They were friends for years and can now talk shop forever. Condolences to all.



Brenda & Robert Stokes - February 11, 2025 at 08:50 PM

RA

Our deepest sympathy for the passing of your dad he was a great person. To all the family our thoughts and prayers are with you all . REST IN PEACE DEAN !! RITA AND GARY AUTHIER

Rita and GARY AUTHIER - February 12, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LS

“ Our condolences to Lynne, Kim, Jill, Eric and familues
RIP Dean



Lola and Matt Pamer and Wayne Saunders - February 11, 2025 at 08:16 PM

GD

“ *Dean was a wonderful man and I feel very fortunate to have got to know him as briefly as it was . We had many great laughs and I am going to miss his smile . Rest in peace Dean.....Grant Dymock*

grant dymock - February 11, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Jane McGill - February 11, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Sherry VanGeersdaele - February 11, 2025 at 04:29 PM

SB

“ *SHERRI BURM lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



SHERRI BURM - February 11, 2025 at 04:26 PM

HM

“ *Helen & Dave Modde lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Helen & Dave Modde - February 11, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean MacDonald*



Julie Nemeth - February 11, 2025 at 04:08 PM

BW

“ *Sending sincere condolences to Deans family* □

Brenda Wilson - February 11, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CH

“ *Deepest condolences and respects to all he left behind.*



Christopher & Deborah Hochheimer - February 11, 2025 at 02:45 PM