



## Donald William (Don) Kane

April 9, 2023

Don Kane, age 74, of Halifax, passed away on Sunday April 9, 2023, at home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of the late George and Doris (Watson) Kane, he loved both very much.

Don was a one-off. People were very important to him, and he had long and lasting relationships with many friends and neighbours. He wanted to make people happy, he was generous, he was kind, and he had a great sense of humour, often self deprecating. He loved organizing adventures and events and some of his parties are memorable. In his last months, he did not want to be a burden and tried to be as independent as possible, not always sharing the challenges he was dealing with.

Don had many interests and endeavours. He worked in the fine arts field with Visual Arts Nova Scotia, ran a fine arts print shop, loved taking pictures and could be seen in the Public Gardens or his beloved back yard garden and pond photographing the changing seasons. In the IT world, he was an entrepreneur sometimes ahead of the curve, always looking for ways to put his latest ideas into action. Writing his book on the Halifax Explosion was the culmination of a dream he had for many years that started with a conversation with his father about the wars.

He will be greatly missed by his partner of 36 years Vivian (Campbell). Don is also survived by his older brother and friend Doug (Brenda), his sister Pat

(Larry), and younger brother Bob (Sherry), as well as his extended family and much-loved nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews for whom he had a soft spot in his heart. Don was a cat lover, and his special girl "Little P" misses him too.

Don received caring and excellent support from many health care professionals over the past five years and we would like to thank his family doctor, the teams at the Medical and Radiation Oncology Departments at the QEII Cancer Centre, the Palliative Care team, and the many other professionals who supported us. Cremation has taken place.

At the family's request no flowers.

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ I worked with Don in the media area when I was with Challenge for Change at NFB. He was full of energy and creativity. He took the pictures at our wedding and they were interesting and full of the joy of the day. He was a lovely man, full of generosity, who loved life and helped others appreciate the joy of the moment. He was a lovely man. My condolences.

*Doris Mae Oulton*

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**Doris Mae Oulton** - July 14, 2023 at 10:21 PM

CW

“ Just heard of Dons passing, so sorry to hear. I would always see him around tending to his yard when I was walking by, my condolences RIP

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**Cheryl Wright-Zwicker** - April 30, 2023 at 08:19 PM

RG

“ I met Don many years ago when we moved into Armada drive, he was a very resourceful neighbour, you could say he was the ‘Mayor of Armada drive’ (although technically he lived on Skylark). He founded the local book exchange on Skylark street and was head librarian, helped organize Canada day parties on the street for many years and I’m sure had a hand in getting sidewalks put in along his street for kids walking to Rockingham school. Will be missed by many.

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**Rob Grandy** - April 19, 2023 at 07:55 AM

GM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a wonderful neighbor Don Kane. So many great and interesting conversations over the years. RIP my friend. Glenn & Eilene Meisner.

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**Glenn Meisner** - April 19, 2023 at 06:08 AM

SD

“ I first met Donnie in the early 70s. He was always full of life and laughter! I still have pictures he took in Vancouver as well as memories of our adventures. Donnie reached out to me, when my Dad passed, even though we hadn't been in touch for many, many years. He was a great guy. My sympathy to Vivian and the family. Sincerely, Susan Dillman

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**Susan Dillman** - April 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's death. He was an amazing man. Shortly after the publication of "Spies, Espionage and Explosion" he brought me a signed copy to the house as a gift, when I was too sick to go out. Some months later, we had a most enjoyable and meaningful meal together at the Ardmore. Don, your passing leaves a big hole in our world. Rest in the peace that you so richly deserve!

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**John Wamboldt** - April 18, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss, Doug. Jeanie (Richardson) Boudreau

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**Jean E Boudreau** - April 18, 2023 at 10:03 AM

CW

“ I remember working with Don on various projects through Visual Arts Nova Scotia, and always appreciated his insight, his humour and his caring personality. He leaves a great legacy, and will be missed. Sending condolences and love.

*Charlotte Wilson-Hammond*

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**Charlotte Wilson-Hammond** - April 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM

TR

“ *Don & I were friends since the mid '70's.*

*Up until recently we would haunt local galleries, keeping abreast of the vibrant art and craft scene.*

*We both worked in the art scene of Nova Scotia but moved on to various careers, always remaining supportive of each other in our lives.*

*We shared the best and worst of times but somehow managed to land on our feet.*

*Don was full of surprises, coming up with uniquely fun ideas and things to do, and sometimes just down right crazy, but always fun!*

*In recent years we often took to the roads and streets less travelled, exploring Halifax and around the province on day trips, swapping stories, remembering old haunts, and friendships, over the many ensuing years*

*Don often asked what is the “Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, and Everything.” Some may recall that this question comes from “The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy” and the answer is “42”. If you check Wikipedia you will discover there are many theories as to Douglas Adamson’s choice.*

*I would suggest Don may now have learnt the real answer as he has joined the Universe and can Rest in Peace.*

*Ted Ross*

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**Ted Ross** - April 18, 2023 at 08:59 AM