



### **Donald Lewis Walker - 1925-2023**



It is with sadness that the family of Donald “Don” Walker announce his peaceful passing at the age of 98 at the Moncton Veterans’ Health Centre in the early hours of Sunday, September 24, 2023.

Don is survived by his wife of 13 years, Florine Richard; his three children: Lynn O’Connor (John, deceased), Gary Walker (Heather) and Sharon Gautreau (Ron) and his stepchildren: Marc Richard (Sabra), Jacques Richard (Josée) and Nicole Gautreau (Charles). He will be missed by eight grandchildren: Leslie O’Connor, Kelly Belanger (Mike), Robert Walker (Kate), Michael Walker (Jamie), Julie Beyea (George), Sandra Kell (Dave), Karen Esculier (Stephane) and Jeff Gautreau (Catherine), 8 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 2 step-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews.

Don was predeceased by his beloved wife of 61 years, Helen (Cheverie); his parents; his infant son, Kevin; his sisters: Kathleen “Kaye” and Betty; his brothers: Peter and George; as well as his stepson, Claude Richard (Claire).

Don was born in 1925 to Peter and Edith (Smith) Walker in Kenogami, Quebec and the great beauty and wilderness of the Saguenay region helped foster a lifelong love of the outdoors that would continue throughout his life. Upon completing school, he joined the Canadian Army, later qualifying as a member of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion. He served overseas in England, Holland, France, and Germany and had been in training for deployment to Japan when World War II ended.

Don met the lovely Helen Cheverie of Souris, PEI, in Montreal, and the two were married upon his return from Europe in December of 1945. The newlyweds then moved back to Kenogami to start their family, and it was there that Don began to work for the Price Brothers (later Abitibi-Price) paper mill. Don was a loyal employee at Price Brothers for 41 years, at which point he retired in 1986.

After his retirement, Don and Helen moved to Moncton, New Brunswick, where they became active members of the community, joining the Mud River and “Double S” Cloggers and attending regular ceilidhs. A devout Catholic, Don was proud to be baptized in 1989, and he found peace amid the many friends he made through his involvement with the church.

Throughout his adult life, Don and his family vacationed annually on Helen’s beloved Prince Edward Island. Don’s love of the island grew to a point where he considered it a second home, leading he and Helen to purchase a cottage in Donaldston, PEI. His family will forever be grateful that he got to enjoy one last trip to his beloved PEI just a few weeks ago.

Don loved his family dearly and had many passions in life including maintaining a healthy lifestyle and numerous sports and activities involving the great outdoors. He was an avid hunter/fisherman and relished spending time with his best friend Paul, surrounded by nature at his camp on the lake at Huit-Chutes.

Don was a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6 and a proud member of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion Association. He also belonged to Ste Thérèse Parish, Dieppe, the Dieppe Golden Age Club, the Dieppe Military Veterans’ Association, and the Charlottetown Benevolent Irish Society.

Don will be dearly missed.

“Airborne Forever”

May He Rest In Peace