

# Donald MacLean YOUNG

## Obituary



**YOUNG, Donald MacLean, FCPA, FCA**

**September 19, 1939 – March 10, 2018**

**In the wee hours of March 10, our beloved Donald bid farewell to the life he loved so much. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to the late Robert and Flora Young, he was the proud grandson of hearty Scottish immigrants. In his final days he was comforted by his family who were a constant presence by his side. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 51 years Roberta, sister Cathy, (Barry), son Bruce (Cathy), grandson Callum, daughter Kim (John), in addition to a wealth of cherished nephews, nieces and lifelong friends. His childhood days were spent in the presence of loving family, a vast network of friends and filled with sports of all kinds, including baseball, curling and golf. He loved the Brooklyn Dodgers, especially their glorious World Series win in 1955. Following high school he studied accounting at the University of Manitoba and over the course of his 40-year career rose to the top of his profession. In 1966 he and Roberta headed west to Vancouver where he joined MacMillan Bloedel eventually becoming the Director of Internal Audit. In 1982 he joined the office of the Auditor General of Canada in Ottawa. During his 20 years at OAG he was a steady presence on the senior leadership team and carried responsibility for managing audits for some of the largest federal departments. He was deeply committed to the positive role of government and at his core believed in the integrity of a professional, impartial public service. He served as President of the BC Institute of Chartered Accountants and was named a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1992 for his distinguished service to the profession. While he loved his career, it did not define him. Away from the office he was known for his self deprecating, bone-dry sense of humour, love of the bagpipes, eating peanut butter from the jar with a spoon and for being a loyal and loving husband and father. He taught his children that the sky was the limit if only they applied themselves. He enjoyed his days in Vancouver the most, especially taking his boat, the "Big Wig" out for a sail with friends and family. In 2002 he retired to Morgan Creek where his days were filled**

**with daily golf, further world travels with Roberta and the great joy of watching his southpaw grandson strike out batters. A special thank you to the team of professionals at Evergreen Baptist facility in White Rock for providing Dad with the best care in the world. Family and friends will gather for a celebration of life on Friday, March 23 at Morgan Creek Golf Course in South Surrey, (Fraser Room) from 1 to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia.**

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