



Mr. Dohnavur "Don" Royal Young

September 28, 1940 - May 23, 2020

Dohnavur (Don) Royal Young of Okotoks, Alberta passed away at the age of 79 on May 23, 2020. Don is survived by his loving wife Doreen, his sons Jeffrey (Leah) and Randall (Sasha), his daughter Jane (Russell), and nine grandchildren, Chloe, Lucy, Bennett, Patrick, Katherine, Michael, Macy, Miles, and Madden.

Don was predeceased by his father Earl and mother Mary Ann, siblings Beatrice, Elwood, Vincent, Aaron and Joe, and brothers-in-law Donald Anderson and Jerry Anderson.

He is survived by his siblings Stirling (Thelma) Young and Thelma (George) Corris and sisters-in-law Linda Anderson and Janice (Steve) McGovern, and many nieces and nephews.

Don was born in Craigmyle, Alberta on September 28, 1940 and married Doreen in Calgary on October 26, 1963. He often joked that she was the best he could do with the car he had at the time, and that he had a very nice car!

In his earlier years Don worked on road construction, went from wash boy to service manager at Henninger Ford, owned and operated a Texaco service station in Calgary which was one of the first U-Haul franchises in western Canada, and became a successful real estate agent.

In 1978, he moved his family to the Blackie area to farm with his father-in-law Len Anderson and brother-in-law Donald Anderson. Don and Doreen moved to Okotoks in 2010, but he continued to be involved in farming and used his mechanical skills on equipment and vehicles in the quonset.

Along with a strong work ethic and willingness to learn, Don was known by all for his kindness, humour, and generous heart. He eagerly helped those in need, whether it be financially or by imparting his wisdom and experience. He wanted to bless others as the Lord had blessed him.

He was intentional about making memories with his family and friends. He often had a "neat idea" that involved a fun vacation, going for ice cream, or just getting together for a cup of coffee.

Don had a deep commitment to his family, friends, and his Christian faith. He was a valuable member of the church community.

While our hearts mourn the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, we know that he is now in the presence of his heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Calgary Dream Centre or Samaritans Purse in memory of Don Young. The family also encourages you to intentionally bless someone as Don would have done.

A private family graveside burial will occur at the Blackie Cemetery with a public celebration of life to be scheduled at a later date.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Dohnavur "Don" Royal Young



Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 01, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DB

This was a lovely graveside service. We were comforted by being able to participate via this webcast. It seems to me that Don brought people together and lifted people up. That's a rare quality. While Don will be missed within our families, he taught his children well and you each carry your dad's traits within you. That's a fine legacy. May the Lord bless and keep you and make His face to shine on you and give you peace.

Love Doug & LaVonne

Doug and LaVonne Byron - June 17, 2020 at 01:27 AM

AP

“ Don and I first met as teenagers in the Calgary Full Gospel Church. When we reconnected in High River many years later, I was not surprised to see his fun, caring and Godly attitude still alive and well. I was blessed to know him. My prayers and thoughts are with you, Doreen, and the family. May you be comforted by the knowledge of knowing where he is and by the memories you made over the years.

Adena Paget - June 17, 2020 at 04:14 PM

FT

“ Doreen so sorry for your sudden loss of Don, he was always a kind friendly man whenever we would run into you and Don, It seems not that long ago we were friends in school and now you have lost your husband and love of your life of many years. Our sincerest sympathy to you Janice and family. Faye and Wayne Thurber.

Faye Thurber - June 06, 2020 at 11:58 AM

JG

“ Deepest Sympathy Doreen and family at this time in the loss of Don. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family.



Judy Groeneveld - June 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM

JG

From George and Judy

Judy Groeneveld - June 05, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AD

Doreen and family. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. My visits with Don were usually at the Blackie Post Office as we were getting our mail. Our chats included questions about our families and always the progress of our farming operations of the season. A very fine and respected man that left a lasting impression. such a nice service during these trying times.

Arlayne Davies - June 09, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BY

“ *To Dee and all the family. My heart goes out to you all as you mourn the loss of a great man, your husband father and grandfather. Such a shock for him to be taken so quickly, less than a year after Joe. I am so grateful to have had that short visit with him and you Dee. I'm sure he, Joe and George are all rejoicing together with their Lord and Savior. You're all in my prayers as you go through this titem of grief and loss. Barb Young*

BARBARA YOUNG - June 04, 2020 at 11:56 PM

BG

“ To Dee, Jeff, Randy, Jane, and the rest of the Family, Pam and I (Bruce) have just watched the funeral online, what a wonderful tribute to your Dad! How can I begin to express the amazing example that Don has been to me personally. My Dad also knew Don quite well when he had his concrete business many, many years ago. The Texaco station was not far from where I grew up and I remember it well.

Galatians 5 tells of the fruit of the Spirit and Don was an exemplary example of all mentioned in that chapter. God's Word tells us to raise our children in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it - and I see that in his children, and Dee, you are very much part of that, well done!

I could write a short novel on the humor, wisdom and kindness that Don has shown me personally and to my family as well. He had asked me to do some work on the '55 Chevy but we hadn't had the time to get together to discuss it. Oh that enemy time! I truly was looking forward to spending the time with the "classic" Don more so than working on the classic car!

Don was a man of wonderful outlook and humor and a man of great character who loved his God, his family and those he came in contact with on a consistent basis.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for your loss, heaven has received a gift. May Christ give you all comfort and peace at this time.

Bruce and Pam Ganske

Bruce Ganske - June 04, 2020 at 02:18 PM

BA

“ Our sympathies are extended to Doreen, Jeff, Randy and Jane and families. Don was truly an inspiring man, who generosity, kind heart, and love for his family always shone through in everything he did. One of my favourite things about him was his sense of humour. He could make light of, or find good in almost anything, and he never let things get him down. May God grant peace, and comfort to all of you in this time of great sorrow.

Our Love and Prayers are extended to you all at this time,

Brenda & Hans Abild

Brenda Abild - June 04, 2020 at 01:14 PM

LG

“ Our hearts go out to you all! When I read all the comments about Dons kind and generous spirit I can picture him with his quick smile for all of those around him! Thinking of you, With Love and prayers, Lorraine

Lorraine Gorsche - June 03, 2020 at 01:54 PM

KY

“ I recall one Christmas when I was a child, uncle Don gave us a entrepreneur starter kit. It was nearly packaged pens paper pencils erasers and a small stapler with lots of extra staples. I was very impressed with his fore thought to our success. Don seemed to have a real knack for success and everything he touched seemed to turn to gold. I also remember aunty Doreen vividly as she was so pretty. Don definitely liked the finer things in life such as Cadillac and luxury vehicles. Don was similar to his brother Aaron and they broke the mold after Don. So sad. Although I never succeeded financially in this life, I did discover the most important thing a human can know and that God is real and he is the father, the son and the holy spirit. Life really is complete once we know that.

Kim Young - May 31, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ Our sympathies go out to Doreen, Jeff, Randy, Jane and their families. Don was a great friend. His concern for the welfare of others was evident in all that he did. A great memory was the support he and Doreen had for the BioSand water filter project which we began in the Amazon in 2001. This project still continues to meet the needs of Brazilian river people for clean water to this day.

We always appreciated his kindness, faith and great sense of humour. We loved to hear his joke appropriate to the situation at hand and to smile at the giggle from Doreen at the joke which she had probably heard many times before.

Don and Doreen have been longtime friends and we will miss Don's friendship but wish Doreen God's comfort and peace during this time of great sorrow. "Joy comes in the morning" Psa. 30:5b

Jim and Sharon Stevenson - May 31, 2020 at 02:27 PM

ET

“ Don Young Will be missed by all his friends I for one am deeply saddened by the passing of Don he was one of my best friends for many years meeting him back before either one of us were married we enjoyed life going to different church functions We would take cars from Car Lots out for test drives for the weekend One of our favourite spots to meet was A&W or Dairy Queen.
Don always had a quick mind with a great sense of humour always enjoyed going to youth for Christ youth group
Don was a great friend that I could discuss different issues with and get an honest and reasonable answers
After Don married Dorene and I married Marlene we spent many times vacationing at different locations travelled with them in many places always enjoying their company
Don loved his family and his cars I particularly appreciate Don's support and encouragement at the passing of my wife Marlene in the past year Will miss his phone call's
Elmer Trekofski

Elmer Trekofski - May 30, 2020 at 11:27 AM

GW

“ Don and I were friends way back in the day we were young bloods.He had the greatest sense of humor and always had a grin or something positive to say.
We went to Western Canada High School together and remained friends in his Texaco days and Real Estate carrier before becoming a farmer.. He was one of the young guys who we met at Full Gospel Church.Great memories.
Sincere condolences to Doreen and Family.

Gordon Wesley

Gordon Wesley - May 29, 2020 at 02:01 PM

DV

Condolences to Doreen and family on the passing of Don. God's peace be with you in this hard time. Alan & Dorothy(Bayly) Venters

Dorothy & Alan Venters - June 02, 2020 at 05:48 PM

PU

“ *PAUL And BETTY UNGLESS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dohnavur "Don" Royal Young*



PAUL and BETTY UNGLESS - May 28, 2020 at 05:59 PM

PU

Don was such a fun person to be around. Memories go back to Trailer days. The reality of it all really reached us when we saw Don;s picture. May the Lord strengthen you, Dee and family in this very difficult time. May The Lord really bless you all.

PAUL and BETTY UNGLESS - May 28, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JL

Don was the first person to welcome us to the neighborhood. It was evident from the first time we met that he was good humored, kind and a true gentle man. We are saddened to hear of his passing. Sincerest condolences to Doreen and family.

Jim and Lynne Lesack

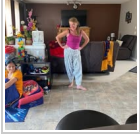
James Lesack - May 30, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RW

“ *Ron & Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dohnavur "Don" Royal Young*



Ron & Ann Weston - May 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ *So Sadd love and prayers for you all,,,Dee, Jeff, Randy,Jane,*

Elaine Tylor - May 28, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss - praying for you and yours.
Love Dave, Erin and Jackson Schellenberg*

erin schellenberg - May 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM

WM

“ Doreen (Dee), Jeff, Randy, Jane and family, We are sorry to hear of Don's passing and pray that the Lord will comfort you at this difficult time.

We so looked forward to hearing Don in His mellow baritone voice, and see how interested and concerned he was with everyone he spoke to

Our families go back many years as the home in Blackie that Don and Dee farmed for many years was Dee's grandparents homestead, and was side by side with my grandparents homestead going back to the early 1900's. So there was always the close bond of families.

We have to thank Don for one of his many acts of kindness to our family, During the Great flood of 2013 when High River was truly flooded, the grand piano in the Full Gospel church (that was a tribute to my mother Mary), was flooded to within a foot to the main keyboard, and Don had the piano taken to his quonset to dry out. Through his perseverance, the piano was restored and is still being used.

We think there is no greater tribute to Don's life than the words of the Triumphant Quartet when they sing "Welcome to Heaven my Child".

Don will be missed, but we have the blessed hope of seeing him someday!!!!

Bev and Wayne Meyer

WAYNE MEYER - May 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

GC

“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dohnavur "Don" Royal Young



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - May 26, 2020 at 10:17 PM

CB

“ Doreen, Jeff, Randy, Jane and family. I a. So sorry to hear of the passing of Don. I will always remember what a kind man he was and I have so many wonderful memories of youth events at your farm, and Don taking care of things. You are in my prayers.

Correna-lyn Bayduza - May 26, 2020 at 10:13 PM

AP

“ My deepest condolences to Jeff and the whole family



Anna-Marie Plante - May 26, 2020 at 08:22 PM

BH

“ Am so sorry to learn of Don's passing. I met him for the first time in September last year and he left a deep impression on me. My deepest condolences to Doreen, Randy and all the family. Am praying for you that the Lord comforts and strengthens you at this time of loss. My thoughts and love are with you all.
Bonani Hadebe (Zimbabwe)

Bonani Hadebe - May 26, 2020 at 05:45 PM

KD

“ So sorry to hear of Don’s passing. Doreen, you and your family are in my prayers. Right from when I was a Flower Girl at your wedding what I remember is that Don was always smiling with that twinkle in his eyes.

Kasandra Wood (Kathy Dlugos) - May 26, 2020 at 10:22 AM

CY

“ Auntie Dee, Jeff, Randy and Jane - I am sad for you that Don is no longer here, to share a smile, a laugh, a joke, a memory, to spend time with his kids, grandkids and extended family. I rejoice that one day we too will see him in heaven.

Uncle Don's quiet, gentle, humble manner, and deep faith in God, made an impact on lives. I am grateful for the time I got to spend with Uncle Don and Auntie Dee, late Aug 2019 while down in Calgary, and watching Uncle Don be Grandpa - expressing his love to his family by making their day extra special. I am grateful for being included in your family, my family is grateful too to call Don - Uncle Don.

Collin, Marilyn, Mark, Mitchell and Meghan Young

Collin Young - May 26, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ Jeff and family, I was sorry to hear of Don’s passing. What a kind and humorous man he was! I always enjoyed his impromptu visits to the radio station where we’d catch up and share a laugh. Sending prayers and love your way.

Myrna, Ashlynn and Zachery Scovoranski

Myrna Scovoranski - May 25, 2020 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ *Dee, Jeff, Randy, Jane...we are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. We still have fond memories of our times together years ago. We trust all your good memories of Don will help a little in the rough days you have ahead of you. Please know we care. Joan and Rick*

Joan and Rick Myers - May 25, 2020 at 05:13 PM

 Pam Woodall

“ *So sorry to hear this. We rented the little farmhouse east of Blackie for a couple years in the mid-'90s before buying our own house in Nanton, and Don and Doreen were the best landlords imaginable. Thinking of you all.*

Pam Woodall and Kevin Simpson

Pam Woodall - May 25, 2020 at 05:02 PM

CF

Dee, Jeff, Randy, Jane and family was so very sad to hear of Don's passing. It's been some years since I have seen Don and Dee but I have such fond memories of fun times together. Don was a kind and gentle man with a great sense of humor. His dedication and love for his Lord and his family is an example to all. I am praying for you all at this time of loss. May God Bless you and keep you. Love Chris Flato.

Christine Flato - May 25, 2020 at 10:32 PM

TG

Dee, Jeff, Randy, Jane and extended family: We are very sorry to hear of Don's passing and want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We are thankful for the faith that we share. May God hold you close at this time.

Love,

Trevlyn Ganes and Lynn Turner

Trevlyn Ganes - May 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

AM

Dear family,

We are very sorry to hear that Don passed away, but thankful that he knew Jesus as his Savior.

We have fond memories of him as a man with a playful nature and a joyful spirit. His kindness and humour warmed many a heart, and a genuine care for others was evident in his life.

You will miss him dearly, each in a unique way!

We are praying that the Lord will sustain and strengthen you, and carry you through this difficult time.

With love, Alan and Marian Martin.

Alan and Marian Martin - May 27, 2020 at 12:10 AM

BE

Dear Dee, I was so sorry to hear of Don's illness and then his passing. My heart can relate to what you are feeling right now. When I think of you as a couple I remember the fun weekend we had camping, many years ago. My prayers are with you.

Bunny

Bernice - May 27, 2020 at 05:34 PM

RS

We have many great and wonderful memories of our friendship with Don and Doreen. Don was a true friend over many years and could always be trusted. He was always fun to be with and his passing leaves an empty place in our hearts and lives. We know for him he is in a place the Bible says is "far better" but we so miss him here!

Robert and Ellen

Robert and Ellen Smith - May 27, 2020 at 09:44 PM

JD

Dee and family - We are so sorry to hear of your profound loss. We shall always remember Don as a kind and humorous man. We are praying for you as you walk this journey today and in the days to come.

JJ & Shirley Dallaire

JJ & Shirley Dallaire - May 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MA

Dee, Randy, Jane and Jeff, we are very sorry to hear that Don passed away. I have many fond memories of the various projects we worked on, building our acreage, fixing vehicles and spending time together. We lost touch when I moved away, but rekindled our friendship this past winter with the chance meeting at Home Depot in Okotoks. I was so looking forward to having a coffee and getting caught up. He was such a kind and generous man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Matt, KC, Sarah and Katelyn Allen

Matt Allen - June 02, 2020 at 10:01 AM