



REMEMBERING Desmond McDonnell

January 25, 1944 - February 18, 2013



Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tribute from Bill Harding

My thoughts are with Des's family. I really enjoyed working with Des, he was a great worker for CMBC with a quick wit and sense of humour. He went far too young and will be very much missed here.

Tribute from Spiro Pegios

This man epitomized to me all that is correct and good in this world. His undying love for his family is what will always stand out. He made a great impression on me as young man and I will never forget him. My condolences to the McDonnell family.

Tribute from Louise and Milko Ostendorf

At this very sad time we send all our love to you from the UK; although we haven't seen the "McDonnell Canadian Clan" since childhood the McDonnell family have such strong bonds that the love and connection has always been there and each has been there for the other in good times and bad - we all stand with you now. One of the first of the McDonnell's to leave Ireland Uncle Desmond & Aunt Marie encouraged the rest of us to do the same. From that small boy in Belfast to the man he became - what stories are told about the McDonnell children of Jimmy and Annie! Uncle Desmond leaves a great legacy to the McDonnell family. Rest in Peace Uncle Desmond. Love Louise and Milko

Tribute from Alberto & Co Staff

In the brief time we knew Desmond he became a very special person in our lives. A very devoted man to his wife Marie and his children.

Our very heartfelt condolences to Marie and family.

Tribute from Cal Traversy

My deepest Condolences to the McDonnell Family.

Des Sr coached me for many years at Club Ireland. I considered those years the best of my life, simply because of Des Sr for all his great qualities.

Thank you Des! RIP

Cal and Whitney Traversy

Tribute from Ray McGavigan

I was glad to have met Dessie and enjoyed many humour filled conversations with him regarding the "Oul country". I hope the family will be able to find rest and comfort for their souls in this time of mourning.

Tribute from Rod MacInnis

Although I did not know Desmond personally I worked with his son Aidan for a few years. Knowing and seeing the quality of a man that Aidan is I can only say that Desmond must have been a good father and a good man. My condolences to the McDonnell family my heart goes out to you all and especially you Aidan. You will have him in your hearts always and may you be comforted by that thought.

Tribute from Patricia McDonnell

Dear Aunt Marie and family, we were so sorry to hear the news. All our love, thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Patricia, Mark and Kate

Tribute from Brian Crawford, Belfast.

One of life's true gents. A real family man, great character and always one for advice, whether I wanted it or not, I got it. He always treated us Crawfords as kids no matter what age we were. He thought he had to look out for us and me being the youngest I got the most advice. I loved his stories and he could tell a few. Sadly I'll miss him. Rest in Peace Desy. From Brian, Patricia, Ryan, Pearse and Grace.

Tribute from Alan Brady

Des was a great coach and mentor. I have so many fond memories of playing for him with Club Ireland. I always looked forward to going to the games - his coaching brought out the best in people and he always had a joke to put everyone at ease. Des is a great person who will be sadly missed but the time spent with him will always be cherished. Condolences to the McDonnell family from the Brady Clan in Maple Ridge.

Tribute from Nuala & Steve Crossey

Aunt Marie and Family, how we wished we could be with you for Uncle Desmond's service. I have such fond memories of his sense of humor and how he could make everyone in the room laugh. He was a wonderful man with steadfast values. He will be greatly missed. We send all our love and sympathy and will keep you in our prayers. Love, Nuala & Steve Crossey, Holly Springs, North Carolina

