

Edward Delano DuCharme

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Edward D. DuCharme, the father of Fairlawn's minister, the Rev. Douglas duCharme, died peacefully at Queensway Carleton Hospital on January 9, 2022, aged 88, with his beloved wife Monique and Douglas at his side. His much-loved granddaughter Nyiri was close by, as well as his daughter-in-law Elaine.

Edward was predeceased by his parents and his four Collins half-siblings in Alberta.

A dedicated public servant for 39 years, Edward's professional career was in telecommunications, from short wave to satellite. He was in on the ground with Canada's early communications satellites – the Alouette-I and II (1962 and 1965) – scientific satellites that marked Canada's entry into the space age. He continued work with the federal government at the Defence Research Board and then Department of Communications in Ottawa. There he worked to negotiate Canada's global frequency allocations and technical agreements through the International Telecommunication Union conferences in Geneva and around the world. Towards the end of his career, and after retirement, Edward continued to contribute to the academic discipline, and shared his knowledge by lecturing at

the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law in Montreal, as well as at the International Space University in Strasbourg, France.

Edward was also a faithful member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, serving many years as an elder.

The family was tremendously grateful, in the midst of renewed COVID restrictions, to Dr. Huang, the nursing staff of the ACE Unit, and Dr. Bhimji of the Palliative Care team at Queensway Carleton Hospital for their incredible care, kindness, and support. We are also grateful to the staff of Forest Hill in Kanata.

In the meantime, many stories remain to be told and if you get Douglas at a good time he'll tell you a few good ones!

Submitted by Rev. Douglas duCharme

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