

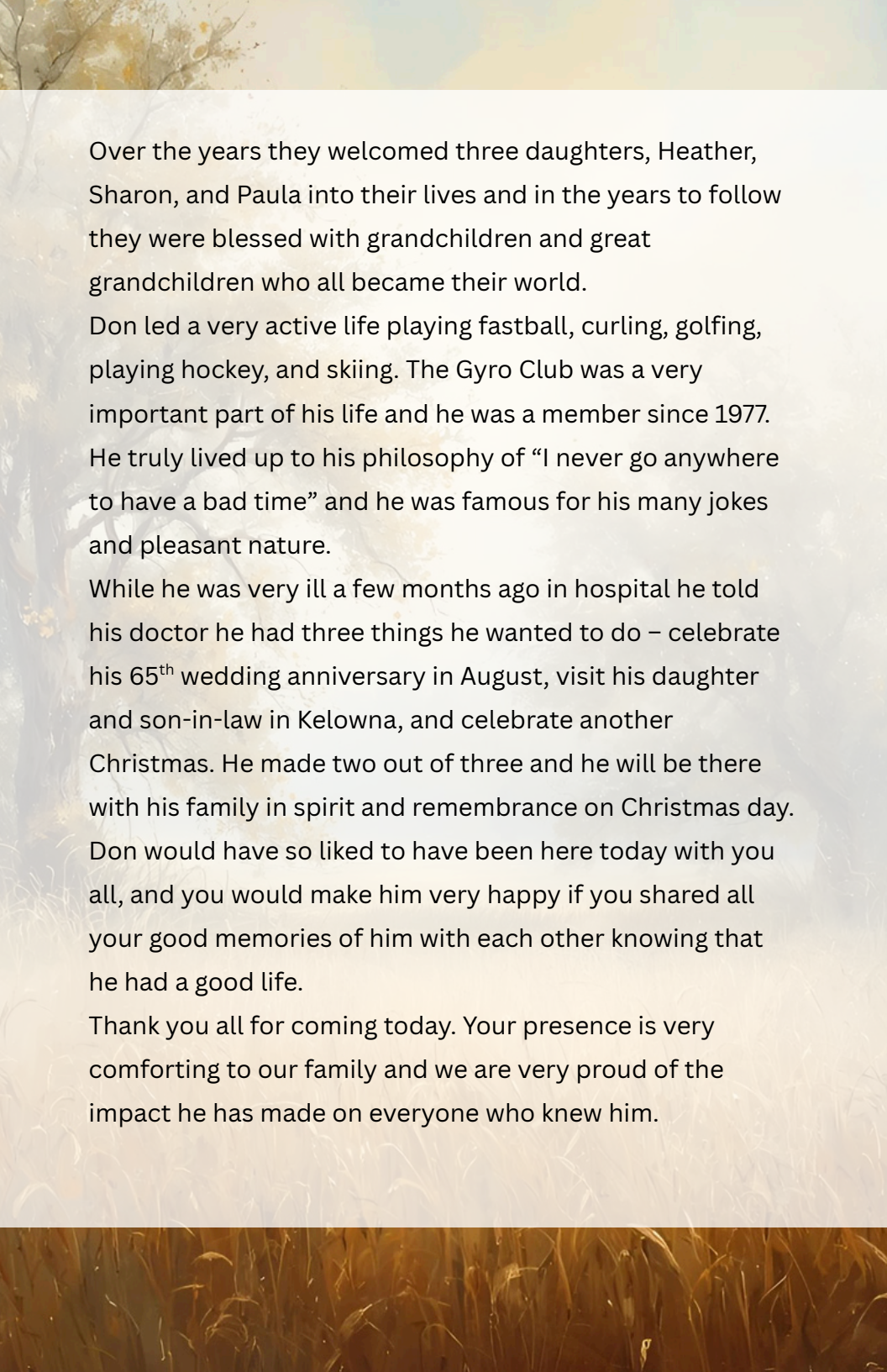


Don was born in Flin Flon, Manitoba on June 7th, 1939 to Harry and Viney Reeves. He grew up in Elkhorn, Manitoba and the day he finished school he started his first shift on the oil rigs.

He worked driving transport trucks at various places and it was during this time, while working in McAuley, Manitoba that he met 15 year old Sheila Lowes who would become his wife when she was 18 and he 21. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 6th this year.

In 1963 they decided they would move to Kitimat when Sheila's uncle Con Conrad called to say Alcan was hiring. Don boarded the train a few days later, and arrived in Kitimat on January 22nd, 1963.

Sheila joined him a few months later and they looked forward to the two years they planned to stay. The 2 years ended up being 62. Don worked in various departments at Alcan until he retired in 1996 and he was fond of telling everyone that he worked for 33 years and was now retired for 29.



Over the years they welcomed three daughters, Heather, Sharon, and Paula into their lives and in the years to follow they were blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren who all became their world.

Don led a very active life playing fastball, curling, golfing, playing hockey, and skiing. The Gyro Club was a very important part of his life and he was a member since 1977. He truly lived up to his philosophy of “I never go anywhere to have a bad time” and he was famous for his many jokes and pleasant nature.

While he was very ill a few months ago in hospital he told his doctor he had three things he wanted to do – celebrate his 65th wedding anniversary in August, visit his daughter and son-in-law in Kelowna, and celebrate another Christmas. He made two out of three and he will be there with his family in spirit and remembrance on Christmas day. Don would have so liked to have been here today with you all, and you would make him very happy if you shared all your good memories of him with each other knowing that he had a good life.

Thank you all for coming today. Your presence is very comforting to our family and we are very proud of the impact he has made on everyone who knew him.