
IN MEMORIAM

DONALD STEWART MCROBBIE, 1929 - 1998

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Don McRobbie passed away suddenly (at a stop light!) on 11 April 1998 at age 68. He was born in Saskatoon on 29 September 1929, attended King Edward School and City Park Collegiate, and then the University of Saskatchewan, where he obtained his B.S.P. in 1952. He worked for Rogers' Drug Store on Broadway, then for McBain's Drug Store, and finally as a pharmacist at Saskatoon City Hospital. He retired in 1989 after 24 years service. For the hospital pharmacists of Saskatchewan he was unofficial historian and treasurer for 15 years.

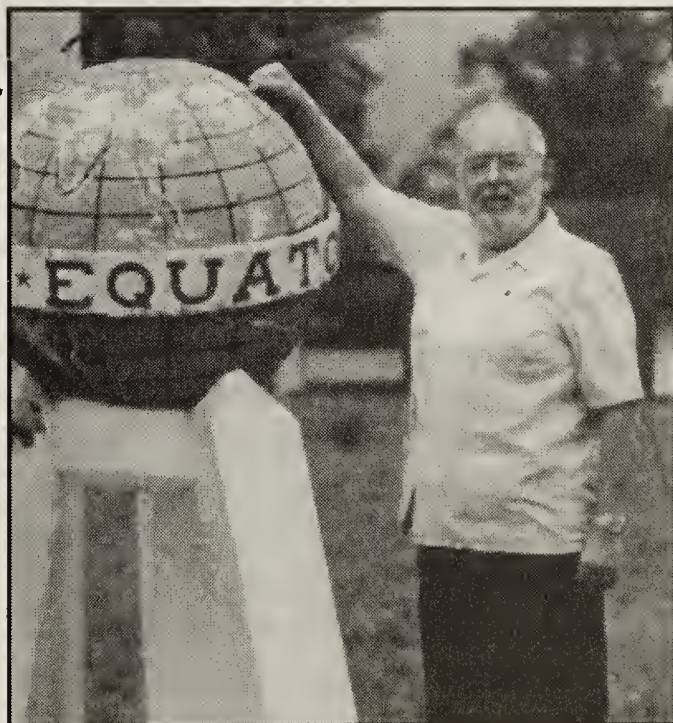
Both before and after retirement, he and Jo made some great trips together, to Africa, Europe and Asia and all over North America, from Labrador and Newfoundland to Alaska, 17 of them with Elderhostels. Don and Jo also took part in the Thursday all-day outings with the Golden Eagles. In spite of diabetes and heart problems and with full knowledge that he was living on borrowed time, Don and Jo resolved to live life to the full; they returned from a superb trip to Thailand and Indonesia only six days before he died.

Don was a keen member of the Saskatoon Natural History Society for 28 years. Always cheerful and willing, he and his wife Jo took part in every Boxing Day bird count and some spring counts, contributed field sighting cards, and presented slides at many a Members' Night. It is a measure of his

loyalty that, almost at odds with his self-effacing nature, he agreed to become Vice-President of the Saskatoon NHS in 1974, President in 1975 and 1976 and Past-President in 1977 and 1978. His oldest children, Elizabeth and Norman, were members of the Saskatoon Junior Natural History Society, of which Elizabeth was co-chairman in 1974, when there were 28 active junior members. On his retirement from the hospital, Don undertook an important task for the Saskatchewan Natural History Society; he took over management of the Blue Jay Bookshop for 2½ years. Don was keenly interested in books, stamps, and gardening.

Don's great smile and modest nature will be missed.

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