



The Reverend Doctor Douglas Irving MacEachern B.A., M.Div., LLD.

Douglas I. MacEachern died peacefully at the Moncton Hospital on Saturday, July 18th, at the age of 93. Born in New Glasgow to Fred and Edith MacEachern, he grew up in nearby Trenton, graduating from Trenton High School in 1951. He later attended Mount Allison University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, graduating in 1954 and 1956. He was ordained a minister of the United Church of Canada on June 10th, 1956. Doug served student mission fields in Saskatchewan, and Rawdon, N.S., which became his first pastoral charge after graduation. He also ministered in Hopewell, and Truro, in N.S. A change in career came in 1967 when he became Chaplain, Dean of Students, and associate professor at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (Dalhousie University) in Truro for 23 years. In 1990 he returned to the ministry and served until his retirement at St. John's United in Moncton, where he later received the honour of Minister Emeritus. Doug's dedicated service to his church was lifelong, varied and generous, witnessed by his activity on innumerable conference and presbytery committees, and perhaps highlighted by his presidency of the Maritime Conference in 1984-85. He co-chaired 'Ventures in Mission' a special fundraising project organized by the National Church, and was a member of a group selected by the United Church to travel to Mexico to study poverty. For several years he gave leadership at Berwick United Church camp, and served on the boards of both the Drew and Windsor Elms Long Term Care facilities. In 1969 he was one of the founding members of the Atlantic Seminar for Theological Education, an annual event still. Doug's love for his alma mater, Mount Allison University ran deep. He served as President of the federated alumni, chaired the Sesquicentennial committee, received the Charles Frederick Allison award and was awarded an Honorary degree in 1994 for his service to church, community and the university. He also was instrumental in organizing local alumni gatherings. Always involved in the communities where he lived, he served as chair of the United Way in Truro, and on the founding board of Hospice Greater Moncton. While he was with the Agricultural College he served as president of both the Atlantic College and University Student Services Association and the Canadian Chaplains Association. Known to many by his college nickname 'Stretch' (a tribute to his 6.5 frame), he played basketball at Mount Allison for the theological student team, the 'Slippery Saints'. He was known to be highly competitive at both badminton and squash, and until age 87 enjoyed aqua fitness at the local Y. At our beloved family cottage on Brule Point, N.S., he played golf regularly at the local course, delighted in the annual themed beach picnics and thought that salt water swimming was the best. Doug is survived by his wife of 70 years, June (Bowman); son Robert (Susan) of Moncton; daughters Ruth-Anne Morris (Peter) of Hammonds Plains, NS, and Rosslyn Hodder (Bob) of Kelowna, B.C.; grandchildren, Bryan MacEachern (Abby Czenze) of Truro, Daina Blanchard (Aidan) of Herring Cove, NS, Wren and Madeleine Morris of Halifax, and Breagha Hodder of Kelowna, and two delightful great-grandchildren, Avery Blanchard and Ira MacEachern. He is also survived by his

sister-in-law Joan MacEachern of Trenton, and his brother-in-law Dr. Austin Bowman of Charlottetown. In addition to his parents, Doug was predeceased by his sister Margaret and brother-in-law Charles Fergus and brother Bill MacEachern all of Trenton, and sister-in-law Isabel Bowman of Charlottetown.

A celebration of life was held at St John's United Church, Moncton, NB, on August 22nd, 2026.