

Donald Gugan

Donald was born on 1st September 1930. With brothers John and Keith, he spent his early childhood in Fulham. In spite of schooling interrupted by six months in hospital and evacuation during the war, Donald gained a scholarship to Bancroft's School, where as a member of the Bancroft's / Loughton County High School for Girls Combined Choir he met Rosemary Wire.

In 1950 Donald gained a place at Queen Mary College, London to study Physics gaining a first class degree, followed by a PhD, completed in 1956. As a physicist, Donald's specialisms included low temperature physics, thermometry and superconductivity.

Donald and Rosemary were married on 12th September 1953. Donald and Rosemary spent three years in Canada where Paul was born in 1958. Returning to the Physics Faculty at Bristol University, David was born in 1960 and Mark in 1961. In 1962 the family moved to 8 Antrim Road, home for more than 50 years.

Donald and Rosemary joined the Bristol Madrigal Society in 1963. Performing and listening to choral music was one of their greatest passions.

In 1969, the family took a sabbatical year to Iowa State University, concluded with a road-trip, camping in the National Parks of South West USA.

The family first visited the Lake District in 1974, camping at Great Langdale, and have returned to climb the fells on many occasions. As members of the Bristol Croquet Club, Donald and Rosemary played, coached and competed for 30 years.

Donald and Rosemary left Bristol in 2014 for Chesil Place in Dorchester, and they would walk together in the nearby Borough Gardens most days of the week.

Donald loved books; as well as Folio Society publications he enjoyed reading *The Oldie*, *Physics Today* and the *Croquet Gazette*. In addition to his academic papers, he wrote Croquet coaching manuals and a personal history of the Bristol Madrigal Society. Donald would always watch the early evening news, but for entertainment, preferred the humour of *Yes, Minister* or *The Good Life*.

Always wise, positive, and with a gentle good humour, Donald will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.