



**David Murray Lyon** – November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1938 to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

David Lyon, born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 22, 1938, peacefully passed away at Tuxedo Villa Personal Care Home, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Dave is survived by his wife Edith Lyon (nee Kimpton), sons Sean and Andrew, and his brother Victor Lyon

Dave was a graduate of Churchill High School, where he began his lifelong passion for Athletics, a passion that resulted in a full scholarship to Oklahoma Baptist University where he received his Bachelors of Science. Dave returned to Winnipeg to teach physical education in the Winnipeg School Division. Edith and Dave married in Winnipeg in 1977 and were blessed with two sons: Sean (1979) and Andrew (1982)

Dave was a devoted coach with evenings and weekends were spent training many aspiring track and field athletes pushing them to their limits and beyond, many of whom became lifelong friends. Dave served as the team leader of the Canadian Athletics team at numerous Pan Am Games (including the 1967 and 1999 games held in Winnipeg), Commonwealth Games (including the 1994 games in Victoria), Canada Games, IAAF Championships and four Olympics (1984, 1988, 1992, 2000). Dave was also the director and organizer of the long running Knights of Columbus Games, the Tribune Games, the Cargill Games and the Clear Lake Triathlon.

Following his retirement from teaching in 1994, Dave became Athletics Manitoba's Technical Director where he continued to mentor countless local athletes and coaches at the local and provincial levels.

In recognition of his dedication to Track and Field, Dave received the Young Manitobans Award in 1968, was named Manitoba Volunteer of the Decade in 1981, was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and is the recipient of the Queen's Golden (1992) and Diamond Jubilee (2012) medals.

Dave's family would like to thank the staff at Tuxedo Villa for their compassionate care of Dave. A memorial and celebration of Dave's life will be held at St. Chad's Anglican Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Flowers, or donations to Canadian Diabetes Association, are graciously accepted.