



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Donald William Bartlett

1931 - 2023

Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 2 in the afternoon

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill
1 Salt Pond Road

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anoints my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

L'Envoi

(1896)

by Rudyard Kipling

When Earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted
and dried
When the oldest colors have faded, and the
youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need
it—lie down for an aeon or two, 'Till the Master of All Good
Workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good will be happy: they shall sit in a
golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with
brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from
—Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a
sitting and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall
blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work
for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each, in his
separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the God of
Things as They Are!

Donald William Bartlett

Word of Grace

Greeting Pastor Tommy Markham

Hymn UMH 593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Prayer

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Hymn UMH 77 "How Great Thou Art"

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-7

Homily Pastor Brian Sixbey

Naming "L'Envoi" Lynn Gray

Witness Simon Chadwick, Johnnie Chadwick,
& Connor Hawley

Affirmation of Faith 23rd Psalm

Prayer of Commendation

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Rendering of Military Honors

Donald William Bartlett

March 23, 1931 – March 26, 2023

Colonel Donald William Bartlett, 92, passed peacefully in his sleep during the early hours of March 26, 2023. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he attended high school and applied his artistic talents to school theater productions.

After graduating from high school, he served in the Korean War as a Lieutenant Artilleryman. There was nothing that made him prouder than serving his country. After being honorably discharged, he remained in the Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Colonel before retiring. As an art major, he attended Boston University for two years, later receiving his B.A. from the University of Texas, El Paso. There he met his first wife, Carol, with whom he had two children.

Throughout the years, Don was employed by the Army as a Technical Writer, which brought him to Fort Monroe. There he met his wife, Chris, when they both auditioned for the Peninsula Community Theater's production of Cabaret.

Don is survived by his wife Chris; daughters Ashley Hawley (Paolo), Lynn Gray (Steve); grandchildren Connor Hawley, Kate Hawley, Chelsea White (Ryan), Zachary Gray (John); and sister Betty Lovell. His son, Christopher Bartlett predeceased him.

At various times, he was President of the Hampton Roads Civic Ballet, Reserve Officers Association, Peninsula Area Credit Executives, Peninsula Community Theater, and was Director of the Fort Monroe Credit Union. In later years, he became a Master Gardener and was involved in Hampton's Clean City Beautification Program.

Many fun times were had doing voice overs, alongside Chris, for Rainbow Production's Puppet Shows. Don had leading roles in many plays, notably "Taming of the Shrew" and "Sound of Music." He also enjoyed directing productions, such as "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Cactus Flower."

Singing was a big part of Don's life: he sang both in his church choir and his barbershop quartet group. Don would sing anywhere to anyone, singing even to his hospice nurse in his final days. Friends will remember Don for his sense of humor, positive demeanor, and ability to find good in everyone he met.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 1st, at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill. Rev. Brian Sixbey will officiate, with a reception to follow services. Memorials may be made to FUMC Fox Hill.

"Happy Easter," sweet Don.

— Excerpted from R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home