## **Robert STONE Obituary**

uietly, after a cardiac event, our beloved husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and greatgrandfather, Bob, passed peacefully, on April 26, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Stone (nee Morrison); children, Michael (Jom), Julie (Gerrit), Jennie (Jeffrey) and Jason (Katie) Stone; and was predeceased by his oldest son, Paul (Natalie). He loved his six grandchildren, Shannon, Connor, Oscar, Edie, Chloe, and Iris; and his two great-granddaughters, Teagan and Rory. Robert Martin Stone was born on December 7, 1940, to Mildred and Martin Stone in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. He was the oldest of six children, and is survived by his best friend and brother, Bill (Darlene), Maryanne (Roberto), Stephen (Debbie), John Paul (Susanne) and Mark (Chris). The family eventually settled near Elmvale, Ontario, where their farm became a social centre for their extended family. He had a very illustrious career after graduating from medical school at Queen's University in 1964. Following his start at the Toronto General Hospital, he became the Surgeon-in Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital. He went on to serve as Surgeon-in-Chief at the Toronto Western Hospital and from 1993-2006, he was the Head of the Department of Surgery at Dalhousie University, where he became Professor Emeritus upon retirement. His many accolades include several awards for his excellence in teaching. He was the Vice President of Education at the Toronto Hospital and Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto. His guidance and support of students from medical school to post-graduate fellowship have been long celebrated. All remember the 'Stone-look' over his bifocals that molded the medical experts of today. His acumen and support for research shaped medical education and innovation. Bob's insight, warmth, sense of humor, empathy, and ability to never lose 'the common touch' was what made him the remarkable and special man we love so dearly. His passing leaves an enormous hole in our hearts, and he will truly be missed by all who knew him. A funeral service will be held this Saturday, May 4th, at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, 15 Yonge St. S., Elmvale, at 1 p.m. Interment, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Phelpston. In remembrance of Bob's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the University Health Network. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com "I am prepared to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." - Winston Churchill

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