

FROM THE FAMILY

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the many expressions of Kingdom impact and prayerful support that we have received from friends around the world. It has been our profound joy to share Don's life journey as beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother— and, in a very real sense, to share him with the world. Don chose the words "Growing God's Family Worldwide" to mark his resting place. We pray that his legacy of obedience, vision, and love for God's Word will continue to ripple until the King returns.

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Acts 20:24

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7



Memorial gifts for equipping the next generation of Papuan leaders, teachers and missionaries may be sent to Pioneers, designated for the Don Richardson Memorial Fund - Account #150994.

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Don Richardson

June 23, 1935 - December 23, 2018

LIFE OVERVIEW

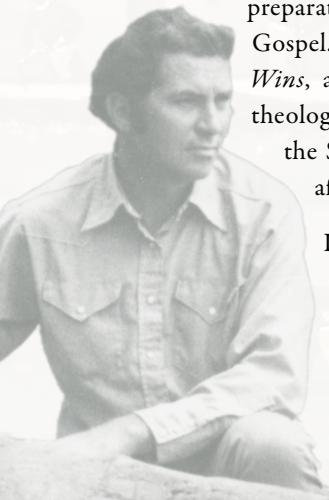
The oldest of four boys, Don spent his early years in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. His father moved the family to Victoria, British Columbia, in the hopes of securing a more promising future for them, before his own death to Hodgkin's disease when Don was 11. Don's life direction was set as a teen when he gave his life to Christ at a 1952 Youth for Christ rally. He subsequently met Carol Joy Soderstrom while training for ministry at Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta. They were lovingly married for 43 years until her death in 2004.

In 1962 Don and Carol embarked on a missionary career in Netherlands New Guinea (now Papua, Indonesia) under the sponsorship of Regions Beyond Missionary Union (now World Team). They served for 15 years among the Sawi, a stone-age tribe of cannibal-headhunters who idealized treachery. Don and Carol planted churches, designed an alphabet, taught the Sawi to read, and translated the New Testament into their native tongue. In time, and with the involvement of several missionary co-workers, many of the Sawi came to Christ. The Gospel replaced warring and headhunting with peace and good will.

From 1977 until his illness surfaced in March 2018, Don served as World Team's minister-at-large, speaking at dozens of events each year, in North America and worldwide. A frequent instructor in the "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course, Don was an ordained pastor and held an honorary doctorate of literature from Biola University. After Carol Joy's passing, Don eventually met and married Carol Joyce Abraham, with whom he moved to Orlando and enjoyed ongoing fruitful ministry.

Don's books and teachings have helped to shape missions discourse and influence two generations toward engagement in the Great Commission. His best-selling books *Peace Child*, *Lords of the Earth*, and *Eternity in Their Hearts* document God's preparation of cultures around the world for the arrival of the Gospel. Subsequent titles, including *Secrets of the Koran*, *Heaven Wins*, and *A Man from Another World* explore other arenas of theological and cosmological interest. A short film called "Never the Same" explores the ongoing impact of the Gospel 50 years after Don and Carol's arrival among the Sawi people.

In addition to his public ministry, Don enjoyed painting scenes of tribal life in New Guinea, tournament chess, running, summitting 33 "fourteeners" (peaks rising above 14,000 feet), and spending time with his beloved family.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome	Van Fielden Vista Community Church
Prayer	George Murray Columbia International University
Hymn	In Christ Alone
Scripture Reading	Victoria Veldhuizen Granddaughter
Remembering Don	Steve Richardson Son Arlene Richardson Daughter-in-Law Carol Richardson Wife Media Presentation Shannon Richardson Son Paul Richardson Son Pastor Ruben Sawi Elder John Mills World Team David Riddell World Team Photo Tribute Bob Sjogren Unveiling Glory
Reflection	Van Fielden
Hymn	Be Thou My Vision
Prayer	Russ DeVos Nephew

Luncheon to follow for relatives and out-of-town guests