

**A Service of Memorial and Celebration
For the Life of
David Strachan Bongard
1930 - 2023**



**Thursday January 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
At Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge St. Toronto**

Presiding Clergy
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Organist
William C. Maddox
BMus, FTCL, FCAM

David Strachan Bongard

Order of Service

*All who are able are invited to stand

A single bell will toll for fifteen minutes.

Preludes

Opening Sentences

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

*Hymn 766 - Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

Tributes

Sandy Aird

Scripture

Psalm 121

James Heywood-Lonsdale

Matthew 5: 1-16

Oliver Heywood-Lonsdale

John 14 (selected verses)

The Rev. Paula Willis

Solo - Shall we gather at the river

Spiritual, arr. A. Copland

Stephen King, Bass

Homily

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 799 - The Lord's my shepherd (Crimond)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Postlude

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes.

Strachan Bongard

On December 30, 2023 Strachan Bongard passed away at the age of 93. Strachan leaves to mourn his beloved wife and devoted partner of more than forty years, Sally (Birks); his children, Gaynor (Stefano), Sara Bongard (Roger), Anna (Bill) and their mother Sue; stepchildren Sarah, Ashley (James Smith) and John (Lee Medeiros) Hennessy, his 11 grandchildren, James, Oliver, Edward, Lex, Tats, Alessandra, Eugenia, Olivia, Charlotte, Wills and Annabel; and 12 great-grandchildren. He will also be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews and cousins. Strachan was predeceased by his sisters, Elsie (Falconer) and Judy (Meredith).

Born in Georgetown, raised in Toronto, Strachan became a man of the world. After completing high school at University of Toronto Schools (UTS '49) Strachan went on to study at Western University. As a financial entrepreneur Strachan's career spanned the oceans. Strachan's volunteer endeavours extended to include the Princess Margaret Hospital, Kiwanis club, Dixon Hall and Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Strachan loved deeply. He loved family and friends and the deep meaning and peace they brought to the world. He also drew joy from music, piano, golden retrievers (Jake, Max and Bear) and golf.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Princess Margaret Hospital in Strachan's memory would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Strachan's family look forward to welcoming you to a reception to be held in the Friendship Room following the service.

An Internment will be held for Strachan at a later date.

