

Donald Bressler was born on Leap Day, February, 29, 1936 in Las Animas, Colorado to Pete Bressler and Orlea Williams Bressler. He grew up in Lamar, Colorado where he gained a strong work ethic at a young age; mowing lawns, shoveling snow and delivering newspapers. He had a love of sports and excelled in baseball and basketball. After high school, he received his degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins and after six months basic training in the army he married his high school sweetheart, Nona Coen in August of 1960.

They began their life together in Los Angeles where Don worked first for Los Angeles Water and Power then Leroy Crandall and Associates and their first child, Stephanie was born. In 1963 they returned to Colorado and lived in Littleton where Don worked for Engineering Consultants, Inc. and his son, Vincent and daughter, Suzanne were born. In 1967 he was sent to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to work on a flood control project taking his wife and three young children. After returning to Colorado he joined the staff of Ebasco, Inc, and was sent to eastern Turkey to work as the soils and foundation engineer on the Keban Dam. Returning home once again Don worked for the State of Colorado in their dam safety program before joining Chen and Associates where he became a partner. In 1980 he moved the family to Salt Lake City to run the Chen Engineering office.

Having a daughter with special needs, Don lobbied the Colorado and Utah legislatures for funds to support programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. He was also an active member of Christ Methodist Church. He served on the finance committee, helped to deliver Meals on Wheels and volunteered with the Family Promise program which provides temporary housing for unsheltered families.

After helping to negotiate the sale of Chen & Associates, Don retired in 1991. He and Nona joined Friendship Force of Utah in 1994, and began hosting and participating in exchanges with clubs from all over the world. Thru Friendship Force they were enriched by the many friendships they made while traveling, staying in private homes and learning about different cultures. They especially enjoyed making new friendships while sharing their home and showing their guests the benefits of living in Utah.

In the last few years Don has been dealing with dementia brought on by the cancer in his eye orbit which required radiation treatment. He kept a good spirit and never complained. Our family would like to offer many thanks to the wonderful staff at Abbington Care Center in Murray and Canyon Hospice who were so kind and caring.

He was loved so much and will be truly missed.

Don is survived by his sister, Kathy (Gary), his wife, Nona, daughters Stephanie and Suzanne (Jim) and son Vincent (JoAnne) and grandchildren, Ivy, Amanda and Rex, stepchildren, Jeremy (Kim), Samantha and Oliver and step great grandchildren, Stella and Max.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Pete & Orlea Bressler and his brother Robert and sister-in-law, Phyllis.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Work Activity Center, 1275 East 2320 South, West Valley, UT 84119 or Christ Methodist Church.

## *In Celebration of God's Gift of Life*

### *Donald Edward Bressler*

**February 29, 1936 – June 16, 2023**



**Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Christ United Methodist Church  
2375 East 3300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Psalm 23**  
**Read by Stephanie Bressler**

Because the Lord is my Shepherd,  
I have everything I need!

He lets me rest  
in the meadow grass  
and leads me beside  
the quiet streams.

He restores  
my failing health.  
He helps me do  
what honors him the most.

Even when walking through  
the dark valley of death  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me,  
guarding, guiding all the way.

You provide delicious food for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You have welcomed me  
as your guest;  
blessings overflow!

Your goodness  
and unfailing kindness  
shall be with me all of my life,  
and afterwards  
I will live with you  
forever in your home.

**A Celebration of Life**  
**Donald Bressler**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**SONG** "You'll Never Walk Alone" Logan Bingham

**SHARING BY THE FAMILY** Suzanne Perkins

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Psalm 23 Stephanie Bressler

Selections from John 11

**WORDS OF COMFORT** Rev. Bruce Kolasch

**LIFE TRIBUTE VIDEO**

**PRAYERS**

**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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**SONG** "On Eagles Wings" Logan Bingham

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

*Pastors: Rev. Bruce Kolasch and Rev. Lisa Petty*  
*Organist: Shelby Fisher*  
*A/V Tech: Shannon Meyer*

Thank you for being here today and for your support of the Bressler family.  
We invite you to join us after the service for a reception in the Gym.