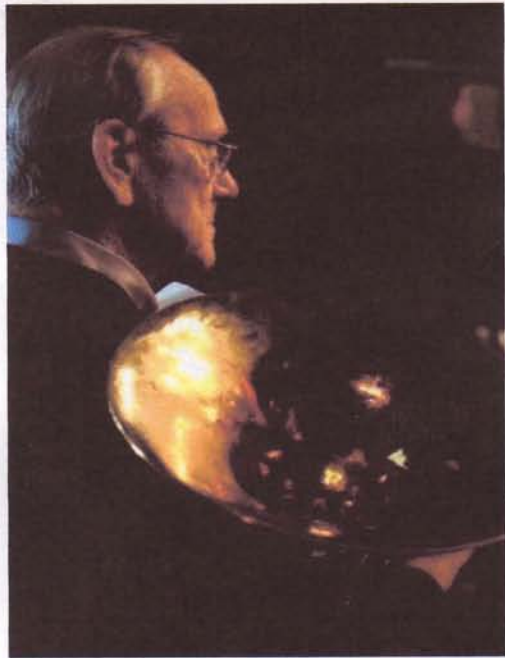



Ronald Raymond Mackay

September 26th 1928 - April 14th 2008



Music for Life



Program

Opening Prayer:
L.I.C Mariam MacDonald

Speakers:
Dave Gruchy
Laura Mercer
Ken Foote



Closing Prayer:
L.I.C. Mariam MacDonald

Reception to follow service

The Mackay Family would like to thank all who supported us throughout Ron's illness and during this difficult time.

Ron's legacy will live on though his music and from all that he has influenced throughout his life.
He will truly be missed..

Donations can be made to charity of choice.



Ron MacKay received his formal music education at the Canadian Armed Forces School of Music, St. Francis Xavier University, and Dalhousie University.


Beginning music instruction at age 10 with the Dunnville Boys Band, Ron joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1946, first as a cook, then serving for 20 years in the Armed Forces Band as a French horn player, bandmaster, and instructor.

His professional career as an instrumentalist encompassed a variety of additional organizations, including the Halifax Opera Company, Halifax Symphonette, CBC Orch., Halifax Symphony Orch., and the Victoria Symphony Orch..

Ron retired from the Armed Forces Band in 1966 and began a career in music education as an instrumental music teacher in Truro. As director of the Cobequid Educational Centre Symphonic Band and its feeder programs from grades 4 through 12. he developed one of the more prominent school bands in the Atlantic Provinces. During his tenure as Band Director in Truro, over 300 students went on to pursue careers in music.

Since his retirement from teaching in Truro in 1991, Ron has been very active as a clinician, adjudicator, conductor, and composer throughout Canada and the Atlantic Provinces. He has at the national and provincial levels. Ron is Past-President of both the N. S. Band Association and the Canadian Band Association.

Semi-retired until this last year, his 80th year, Ron was very active as a composer, arranger, conductor, clinician, and adjudicator up to the early fall of 2007. He received the "Music For Life" Award and attended a tribute weekend at the Gaelic College, hosted by the Second Wind Community Band of Cape Breton and his fellow Maritime community band members. Later in December 2007, he received the honour of being presented the Roger Taylor Medal from the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Myanne Francis in Windsor, Nova Scotia.



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