

January 9, 2008

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Dear Friends,

We are saddened to inform you that Bruce Alton past away on Tuesday night January 8 in Toronto. We give thanks for his life, mourn his death and pray for his family and many good friends.

The Reverend Bruce Scott Alton

Visitation: Friday January 11, 6.00 p.m. to 9 p.m at Tumer and Porter, Yorke Chapel, 2357 Bloor Street West, Toronto (at Windermere).

Funeral: Saturday January 12, at 2.00 pm at St. John's Anglican Church West Toronto, 288 Humberside Avenue, Toronto (Near High Park). Reception immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be sent by email to Bruce@gregalton.com.

Peacefully in the presence of family at St. Joseph's Health Centre on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 72 years of age. Predeceased by his beloved wife Carol (née Marsh). Loving father of Mary (and spouse Michael), Mark (Karen), Greg (Katya), and Sharon (Jeff). Cherished grandfather of Scott, Lee, Jesse, and Ariel. Son of the late George Wesley and Myrtle (née Scott) Alton, half-brother of the late George Jr. ("Jay") and Gordon Walter Alton of Michigan.

Bruce completed studies at SCITS (Sarnia), Huron College (University of Western Ontario), McGill University, and Stanford University, and taught for many years at Trinity College (University of Toronto). A specialist in the philosophy of religion, Bruce was the author of numerous scholarly articles, including his area of special interest, the study of self deception. An ordained Anglican minister, Bruce was active most recently through his long association with St. John's West Toronto. He was active in Anglican and ecumenical affairs, and for several years the host of CBC Television's Meeting Place.

Raised an only child, Bruce grew his own family and embraced numerous extended families, including the Marsh family; his "brother in arms", Don Ubell and family; his half-brothers, Jay and Gordon, and their families; and the academic, professional, activist, and spiritual communities that enriched his life.

Bruce wrote his doctoral dissertation on the universality of the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you", and lived according to this rule and his core belief: that God is Love.

P.S. I hope you find it helpful to get an update like this from St. John's Church, West Toronto. If you would like something listed in the announcements, or if you know someone who would appreciate receiving this, please contact me. If you would prefer not to receive news from St. John's in this way, please also let me know.

Best wishes, Gary+

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We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight and gay. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenge of our daily ministries. We call on all who will to come and join us.

