

Saying Goodbye to Dr. Don Summers

Ladies and Gentlemen, today, we are gathering here to say good bye to one of our dearest friends: Prof. Dr. Donald B. Summers. If anything that could be said about Don, it is that he is a very, very good and friendly and caring husband and father, who is most loved by his beloved wife Linda and his two wonderful daughters Emily and Cailen, and of course, even by his little dog... Barclay. Here, in Da Nang, at Duy Tan University, even though Dr. Don Summers has volunteered to work with us for only a short period of time, he is widely known and respected for his expertise and for his dedication to our students and faculty members. His work in the fields of Social Venture and Social Businesses over the years remained to be of great value to universities and colleges in the Northwest region of America like Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, University of Washington, etc. His care and dedication for Social Venture and Social Businesses, however, goes beyond that when he brought the benefits of his work to other countries outside America like China, Spain, Korea and Vietnam.



Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Minh delivers a funeral oration in praise of Dr. Don Summers upon his funeral

Don, you can be proud of so much that you have done for us, our students and colleagues love you!

In his final days started from only a little more than four months ago, Dr. Don Summers has always showed signs of courage and determination, that his health was failing but his will would not. Even after a life-and-death surgery, nothing would be able to stop him from his work and his students. He still traveled to Vietnam to complete his work for the Social Venture Plan Competition in South East Asia. He died doing what he always loved to do.

Don, with your strong will, whatever journey lies ahead of you, be it to heaven or over the Cascades, we have faith that you will make it there. We wish you good luck, you will always be remembered here at Duy Tan University, and in our hearts.