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This is a story of how your Dad got to view the Mary Whyte portraits book the day before he died. You know...I told you about it. Gretchen will Email how Mary Whyte came to choose your Dad for her painting of a Wyoming veteran. Gretchen and Mary are friends...and Gretchen told Mary about your Dad and she came...took many photos of him... Your Dad believed that he would never live long enough to see the production of that book project!!! I was aware that Mary intended to send a copy of her completed project portrait book to each of her models but your Dad had not gotten his yet but we had.

Linda...by special ordering it as soon as we could. It arrived a couple of days before our Home Group was to meet and I told Doug that I need to take this up to show Don!!! Doug said that Don will be getting his own copy...but I prevailed to take it up to show Don. Your Dad was thrilled!!!! He was so excited to see that book....him being on the cover...and then the title that Mary gave his portrait!! Groundskeeper!!! Perfect!!! I suggested that Don order copies to give to each of his sons...and write in them...he said that he would surely do that. He never got the time to do that! He died the next night.

We, as a close Home Group, had witnessed the sadness in your Dad for the weeks after Jo's leaving that it was such a blessing for us all to see some happiness come to Don in the viewing of that book. We have a flood of happy memories with you Dad and Mom...we treasure them. It was an honor to have shared their lives.