



## Frederick Brian Simmonds

January 12, 2019

God saw him getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be  
He wrapped Him in His loving arms  
and whispered "Come with Me"

With tearful eyes  
we watched him suffer,  
and saw him slowly fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
we could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands put to rest,  
God broke our hearts  
to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

Brian Simmonds 1936 - 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frederick Brian Simmonds, on Saturday January 12, 2019, at Tansley Woods Long Term Care Facility in Burlington, Ontario, with his loving wife, Esme, by his side.

Brian was born in Littlehampton, West Sussex, England on October 11, 1936 to Frederick and Rosanne Simmonds. He was the eldest of four children. Brian will be deeply missed by Esme, his beloved wife of 54 years, his daughters, Michelle (Michael) and Shauna (Antonio), and his grandchildren, Samantha, Meghan and Liam. He will also be missed by his brother, Christopher, his sister, Margaret and his many nieces and nephews in England, as well as his sister-in-law, Rita. He is now reunited in Heaven with his sister Eileen.

Brian left home for the Isle of Wight when he was 16 years old to begin an engineering apprenticeship. He started his career at the Saunders-Roe Limited, on the Isle of Wight. Brian was an avid rower, winning many trophies at local regattas around Southern England.

Brian, his wife and eldest daughter came to Canada in 1969. Brian enjoyed a fulfilling and successful career in the aerospace industry.

Brian and Esme were inseparable – they loved spending time together on long drives, weekend projects, and traveling around the world. Their trip to New Zealand was their most memorable.

In his spare time, Brian could be found outdoors, enjoying the sun, tending to his garden, or socializing with family and friends. Brian was also an avid reader and spent many hours with his head buried in a book, listening to jazz. He had a particular affinity for history books, crime novels, and studying British maps.

When Brian retired in 2003, his passion for aircraft inspired him to volunteer at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. He also spent time volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, helping others less fortunate.

He will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humour, funny stories, and his love of music.

#### Funeral Details

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday January 19, 2019 at 10:00 am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 196 Kenwood Avenue, in Burlington. Following the mass, a reception to celebrate Brian's life will be held in the Church Hall.

Internment will take place at a later date at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Burlington.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Funeral Mass**                      10:00AM  
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St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
196 Kenwood Avenue, Burlington, ON, CA

# Comments

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“ So saddened to hear of Brian’s passing. We have so many fond memories of times shared from so long ago, especially the escapades at Presq’ils Park. Gerry always enjoyed engaging Brian in conversation no matter the subject and as long as there was a pint nearby All was good. Esme, Michelle, amd Shauna, our sincere condolences go out to you. I lost my mummy not long ago, I share your pain. May God Bless. Gerry and Donna Merrilees.

**Donna Merrilees** - January 18, 2019 at 11:17 PM

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“ Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of Frederick Brian Simmonds.



January 18, 2019 at 10:35 AM

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He was my big brother who I looked up to till I grew taller than him.

He used to pick me up from the airport when I came home on leave from Germany, and was always more informed about the new equipment being issued to us than I was. I used to pick him up, from the airport when he was in Europe on business. There was a Pub that he would always want to stop at because it sold draught Guinness and a pork pie with English mustard

I missed his leaving the UK when he emigrated to our Colony in Canada. I never thought he would go as he kept talking going to New Zealand.

The time spent in the colonies never changed his sense of British humor, accent and his grasp of the English Language. I managed to visit Brian, Esme and the family on a few occasions but had to pick him up sometimes on some failing in his English vocabulary. I put it down to the far inferior beer sold over there. I remember one time when we were downtown (as they say over there!) we stood at the bar as any real man should do for numerous hours. He then informed me that he could not walk as he knees had seized up. I was fully trained in First Aid so I immediately ordered him a double Glenmorganie Whisky and he was like a “ferret up a drainpipe”. (As they say in Good Old Blighty.)

There are many stories to tell about out visits to Canada, but the visit there for Michele’s wedding when we all came Dad included, come to mind. It is a “Dry Old Do”, was mentioned many, many time by him. The boat going backwards after Brian had fixed the outboard motor cable will be remembered forever!

And we still have the video of it!

I am very sorry that I will not be there for the funeral. I may not be there in person but I will be in Spirit.

I visited Brian a year or so ago before his decline and they are the memories I will always have of my dear loving brother.

I will miss you very much, but I promise you that I will endeavor to carry on your legacy to your daughters and grandchildren to understand our strange, dark, and wonderful British sense of humour that you never lost.

Love , Christopher

**Michele Simmonds** - January 16, 2019 at 08:44 AM

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**Chris Simmonds** - January 16, 2019 at 05:18 AM

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**Chris Simmonds** - January 16, 2019 at 05:16 AM

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**Chris Simmonds** - January 16, 2019 at 04:10 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Brian Simmonds.



January 15, 2019 at 03:06 PM