



Henry Shearholt Russell

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(October 15, 1930 – July 5, 2018)

Sadly, but with the greatest of memories, the family wishes to announce the passing of Henry Russell on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Without a doubt, Henry was a special guy. We will miss the twinkle in his eyes, his endless smile, and his quick wit.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland he had a varied career as a butchers' apprentice, a cook in the officers' mess of the British army and heavy machine operator in the coal mines. He emigrated to Canada in 1960 to work in the Timmins gold mines. He worked for General Motors in the St. Catharines Foundry, as a supervisor, and retired after 33 years. Henry had boundless energy. Retirement gave him time to follow his passion for gardening in Burketon while honing his tennis skills and going on to win the Ontario Provincial Seniors' Doubles Championship.

He leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Bonnie Bouckley, 3 children by a previous marriage, Sandra Large (Dave), Stuart (Brenda), and Stephen, 8 grandchildren: Chadd, Ryann, Sarah, Lindsay, Scott, Paul, Brittany and Lucas and 7 great grandchildren. Sadly missed by brothers-in-law Brent and Barry (Heather), mother-in-law Joan and his nephew, Isaac and niece, Lea.

The family praises and thanks Dr. Woods and the Cancer Centre team, the Kidney Care team and all those at ParaMed, Lakeridge Health ER, Nephrology and Oncology, and Supportive Care who cared for him in his final weeks.

Condolences only, are appreciated.

Comments



“ I miss you, Grandpa.

Chadd - July 10, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ It was only recent that we had heard about Henry's passing; how influential he was in his family's life and especially our close friend Chadd. He sounded like a wonderful person and a great mentor to him. We are saddened by the news and mourn of his passing, our condolences to the family.

Zeke and Kimi - July 19, 2018 at 12:04 AM



“ As a friend of Chadd's, I understood the tremendous impact that Henry had on his grandson. His good humour was infectious and he clearly made those around him happier on a regular basis.

My sincere condolences to Chadd, Bonnie and the rest of the family.

- Mike

Mike - July 17, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Dear Bonnie so sorry to hear about Henry we were shocked, every time you met him you thought he would go on for ever. He was so vibrant. Condolences Peter and Janet Robertson. Bonnie please would you give me a call I have a request. 905 576 1029. Hope you are doing ok Take Care.

Peter Robertson - July 14, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ Sorry to see that a former Foundry co-worker has passed on. Henry’s obituary brought back many memories of both him and Bonnie. Thinking of you Bonnie at this time
John Cushing

John Cushing - July 13, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Henry was a wonderfully friendly person and a great tennis player. My condolences to Bonnie and his family.
Clive Lilwall

Clive Lilwall - July 12, 2018 at 07:19 PM



“ Henry was the focal point of our tennis group. His buddy "Fast Eddie " Taylor organized years of most enjoyable tennis and related social events and Henry was always there as the most enthusiastic of participants, Henry could exchange insults with the best of us, but there was always that twinkle in his eye to let you know that he was really your friend and buddy. In his prime, on the tennis courts, Henry prided himself and being a one shot wonder. He had a devastating forehand which he loved to unload on a trembling foe. One highlight of Henry's tennis career was winning the over-75 senior games event for Durham region. Henry and his partner then extended that into winning the all-Ontario Senior Games title for the same age group. Henry's humour and quick wit turned every occasion into an adventure. Even after his playing days were over, Henry's deep interest in tennis and his sometimes barbed wit showed in the weekly lunches. He kept everyone on their toes, both on the courts and at the social events. The group will greatly miss Henry, and collectively we give thanks that we were able to enjoy his love of tennis and of life for so many years.

We also commend Bonnie for her loving care of Henry. He often commented that was what kept him going in the tough years when his tennis career ended.

We have lost a dear friend and a great buddy. Kept serving, Henry, we will see you soon on the court.

Frank, Glenn, Eddie, Ted, Bill, George, Lorna

Ted Graham - July 11, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ HENRY! Words can't express how much you meant to me. You are unique and I will always have you in my heart. Impossible not to.

My name is Marta and I known Henry for the last 11 years, met him working at the desk for the Tennis club. we both share the same passion, Tennis. Played the game together, laughed, lunches, visits, and stories... Every time, with a Henry always happy and full of life.

My Friend, Today you did it your way and until the end charming and happy. I love you and you knew that.

My condolences to Bonnie and his family.

Marta Paredes - July 10, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ Marta, as he became less well, he appreciated your visits more and more. You were a very good friend to him.

Bonnie - July 11, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ Where do I begin... My heart goes out to Bonnie and the family at this difficult time. Henry will be dearly missed by many. Henry knew how to light up a room not only with his charm but with his Humour.. I will raise a glass of IRN BRU with a wee bit of vodka for you my friend.
Caroline x

caroline - July 09, 2018 at 03:41 AM



“ ... and oh, how he loved to make you smile!
Bonnie - July 09, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ He had a uniquely Scottish sense of humour that made any interaction with him always interesting and fun. All of his tennis buddies will miss him greatly. Eva and Bill Langley
Bill - July 10, 2018 at 07:27 AM



“ We met through Tennis but always Henry shared the joy of the game and the joy of life through good humour and a shared smile.
Ian Cooke - July 13, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ I worked for Henry at General Motors for many years He was always a fairt man and honest So sorry to hear of his passing . we will continue to pray for the family. Douglas
Marjorie Cushman
Douglas Cushman - July 13, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of Henry from our day on the courts at the Oshawa Tennis Club. His quick with and ever present smile will be remembered by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Henry's family at this time.
Morley & Ellie Davidson - July 13, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Bonnie, I worked with Henry in the Foundry many years ago and loved his sense of humor and love of life. I've always thought of him with a smile. It seemed as if it was his purpose "Leave them all with a smile." Deepest sympathies Bonnie.
Doris Maxwell - July 15, 2018 at 05:16 AM



“ Caroline sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry Shearholt Russell



caroline - July 09, 2018 at 03:23 AM



“ Caroline lit a candle in memory of Henry Shearholt Russell



caroline - July 09, 2018 at 03:23 AM