



Jacques Beauvais

October 7, 2020

On October 7, 2020, at the age of 70, Jacques Beauvais passed away in his sleep at Toronto Western Hospital after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jacques was the loving husband of Cindy Shore and the adoring father of Alexandre (Kate Penney) and Léa (Cory Ruf), of Toronto. Devoted son of the late Ovide Beauvais and Madeleine Brais, brother of Michel, Luc (Carole Hemming), the late Gilles (Marie-Laure Lussier), Alain (Lynda Raymond), the late Mario (Josée Bolduc), Monique (Roch Pelletier), Denis, Lise (François Carrier), Josée (Richard Simard) and dear godfather of his niece, Michelle Lussier Beauvais, all of the province of Quebec. Brother-in-law to Ellen & Myles Waxman of Richmond Hill and Michael & Janet Shore of St. John, New Brunswick. Survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

The eldest of 10 children, Jacques was born in Iberville, Quebec, and lived and worked on his father's dairy farm. He studied Santé publique at the Institut de Technologie Agricole in St-Hyacinthe, Quebec, graduating in 1973. In 1974, he began working for the Borough of North York, later part of the City of Toronto, as an environmental health inspector. In 2005, after retiring from Toronto, he worked for the Region of Waterloo Public Health Unit, and later for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit in Cornwall until he retired again in 2017.

He was an active and healthy man who loved running, swimming, cycling, skating, softball, hockey, curling, and in later years, golf. He enjoyed coaching and watching his children play baseball, softball, hockey, volleyball and gymnastics. One of the highlights of every year was his annual bike ride from St-Jean-sur-Richelieu to Bromont and back with many of his brothers, brothers-in-law and nephews. He attended and applauded many of Léa's performances as a musical theatre artist. He enjoyed music, reading French novels (especially the latest Prix Goncourt winner), attending French movies and theatre performances, listening to and watching Radio Canada, TVA, TV5 and of course, RDS (Réseau des sports). He enjoyed cooking and baking. He travelled as a young man to Guatemala and Mexico, many times to Cuba with his friends, to France, to Florida with his young family, to Norway and Sweden with Alex's hockey team, explored Ontario, Quebec,

and Eastern Canada with Cindy and his kids, and recently enjoyed a memorable tour of Eastern Europe with some of his siblings. He was a wonderful friend to his former colleagues and neighbours, organizing regular coffee or breakfast dates, skating, curling bonspiels and golf. He embodied the French expression "joie de vivre!"

He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Condolences may be left at www.aftercare.org

Donations in Jacques' memory can be sent to:

Toronto Playgrounds Baseball (cheques can be made payable to TP Baseball or via e-transfer: info@tpbaseball.ca with "Jacques Beauvais" noted in the subject line,

Le Centre Francophone du Grand Toronto, (<https://centrefranco.org/fr/>),

or to the Ben and Ida Shore Covenant fund at the Baycrest Foundation, (baycrestfoundation.org)

Comments



“ Hi Cindy and family,
My heartfelt condolences to you all. I had the pleasure of working with Jacques in the former City of North York and the amalgamated City of Toronto. It was also my honour to have been on the same curling team, the "Cubanos" for many years, and eventually his awesome skills led us to a second-place finish! Jacques and I have had many conversations about his beloved hobby, swimming since my kids were into competitive swimming. He was a very jolly, helpful and supportive friend. I will always treasure the beautiful memories of him.
Vivian Hu

Vivian Hu - October 15, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ It was such a shock to hear about Jacques's passing. I worked with Jacques from 2009 to 2017 at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. Jacques was a great teammate: generous, caring, always cheerful and going the extra mile to make us happy. I will never forget about his jokes to cheer the team up on challenging days. Jacques was the most generous person: bringing coffee, cake, and exotic treats to our office meetings.
Though he retired in 2017, he continued to check in and sent his advice on issues of the day. He was very proud of his work as a public health inspector but more than that, he was proud of his family and often spoke about them.

I know I speak for all his/her co-workers when I say how very much, he will be missed.

My deepest condolences Cindy, Alex and Lea!

Caroline Kuate

Caroline Kuate - October 15, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Cindy my condolences to you and your family during this time. I had the pleasure of working with Jacques before he retired, carpooled with him to many bonspiels and curled with him in the last 2 years. It was just last year we were crazy enough to drive through a snow storm to attend at retirement in Belleville and we both returned home intact. He was kind, considerate and lots of fun. What I will miss the most is his greeting of "Hello sister" with his French accent.

Norine Schofield - October 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Jacques, c'était une grande personne! Je n'ai pas eu le loisir de travailler avec lui longtemps au BSEO, mais il reste ancré dans ma mémoire comme étant un bon Monsieur! Et ce au titre de Madame avec lequel il m'adressait toujours! Je suis triste d'apprendre qu'il a quitté ce monde... Mes condoléances à sa famille et ses proches.

Chantal Sauvé

Chantal Sauvé - October 14, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ JACQUES. Our dear friend, fondly remembered
J for Joyeux – that huge winning smile, on a New Year's Eve celebration, or summer cottaging, whenever & wherever.
A for Amical – reaching out to everyone & always ready to engage, in whichever of the country's two official languages.
C for Curieux – opining on a breaking political story, checking out the latest home improvement technology, detailing his trip to central Europe a couple years ago, reading yet another book about Napoleon, trying out with Bruce another new craft beer.
QU for Québécois – rightly & proudly so; a friend with whom, for Bruce & Silvana, French was always delightfully the default language.
E for Érudit – a dude who for decades made it a habit to read the annual Prix Goncourt winner.
S for Sportif – skating (even year round!), cycling, curling, kayaking, and lots else, but also 'sportif' in the larger sense of broadly playful & with a keen sense of humour – that was our Jacques!
Dear Cindy, Alex, Léa: deepest condolences from the Bartletts: Bruce, Silvana, Adrianna, Pippa.

Bruce Bartlett - October 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ This is so lovely, Bruce...and so Jacques!! Thank you.

Cindy Shore - October 13, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Thank you for this, Bruce. It produced happy tears. Miss you and the family, wish we could hug you right now.

Léa Beauvais - October 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ My Colleague, my firend, my lunch time running buddy and my skip! I met Jacques in 2000 when I joined Toronto Public Health. Jacques called all us girls "my sister" and would tell us so may stories of his public health experiences. One of my foundest memories is the inspector trip to Cuba that I was part of. We has such a good time. I will miss him dearly as he always lived lif to the fullest! Cindy and Family He always talked so much about all of you and loved you all dearly. Cherish all the good times you had with him and I know there were many!

With fond Memories always you will be missed

Alicia Lowe-Downnes

Alicia Lowe-Downnes - October 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ Mes condoléances à toi Cindy et à Alexandre et Léa. Jacques était fière de sa famille. Il aimait le français et ses sports. J'ai de la misère à croire qu'il nous a quitté.
Clothilde

Clothilde Howieson - October 12, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Cindy and Family: I am deeply sorry for your loss. The memories people have shared about Jacques are very touching and give a wonderful account of the life of a man widely loved and respected. Although I only met Jacques once while curling, his warmth and humour shone through.

Evelyn Gillies - October 12, 2020 at 04:37 AM



“ Dear Cindy and family.

I'm so sorry for your sudden loss and send deepest condolences to you all. May you find strength and comfort in family, friends and community as well as in the many years of love and memories you share together.

Doris

Doris Matyas Extavour - October 11, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ The memories are uncountable; I knew Jacques since 2009. He was always very energetic, positive, professional, kind hearted with an unmatched natural affinity to help everyone around him. I will always remember you my dear friend and cherish the fact that I was quite privileged to have known you. Puissiez-vous reposer en paix cher Jacques, Adieu ...



Rami Basha - October 10, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Merci, Rami. :)

Léa Beauvais - October 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Jacques was a true gentleman and a good friend. I feel very lucky to have known Jacques as he taught us all how to really enjoy life, friends, family, his public health profession and of course his many sports. I remember Jacques was always involved and active in PHI sports including baseball, curling and in recent years he took up a newer spot golf. Over the last few years I had the pleasure of accompanying him on the links. In true Jacques fashion to be healthy, he preferred to walk and not use a cart ... that was Jacques. He was most dedicated to the public health profession and sought after in Ontario as to his bilingual abilities to help with oral board examinations and food handler education in French. The great memories of Jacques will live on with me and his family, friends and colleagues.

Rest in Peace Jacques.

Your bud always. Ralph (Stanley)

Ralph Stanley - October 10, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ Dear Cindy and Family, I was fortunate enough to work with Jacques for a short time in the early 2000s in Toronto. He was so joyful and always full of great advice. My deepest condolences to you and your family. May he rest in beloved peace

Lana Corvino - October 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ Jacques was the epitome of a gentleman in every way. He was kind, thoughtful, compassionate, friendly, and a genuinely great man! He always had a kind word to say, he acknowledged and listened to others with an active listening ear and he always had a hello and a smile for everyone. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. We send sincere condolences and much love to the whole family. May your treasured and cherished memories bring you comfort and light your days ahead. Love you all so much!

With love from Janet and Michael, David and Hannah, and Ethan.

Janet Shore - October 10, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Cindy and family: I was shocked and saddened to hear of your husband and father's passing as I was not aware of his illness. My condolences to all of you at this difficult time. I'm sure he will be remembered with great love and priceless memories. Thinking of you and wishing you strength and faith in the coming days. May he rest in peace. Rosalie Parente , RTO

Rosalie Parente - October 10, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ The image that is on my mental display is of Cindy and Jacques ... just married... on the grounds of Mount Pleasant...both glowing ... both with joyous smiles... surrounded by loved ones. May memories like that give some comfort.

Lenore - October 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Jacques was always a gentleman. I'm glad to have worked with him at the Region of Waterloo Public Health. I will always remember the way he spelled "hello" in greetings to his friends.
RIP my friend.

Henry Garcia
Former Director ROWPH

Henry Garcia - October 10, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Jacques' passing. I first met Jacques when he continued his public health career in Cornwall and was fortunate to be given the opportunity to get to know him better through the Cornwall Curling club. I always welcomed practicing my french with him! I would like to echo all the sentiments shared on these pages. He was gentlemanly and a kind soul! My deepest sympathies for your loss.

Frank Spagnolo

Frank Spagnolo - October 13, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Our sincere sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Mary Jane & Simon Weingott

Mary Jane & Simon - October 10, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ A kind and caring person who served his community with professionalism and dignity
- Peter

Peter Heywood - October 10, 2020 at 05:39 AM



“ Just this summer Jacques gave me his jumper cables after I helped him boost his battery. So sweet. He loved our cottage and was always smiling and ready for a chat. Palmerston Gardens will not be the same without him and his sweet French accent Love to you all. Susan, Bob and Paige

Susan Stewart - October 09, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this, Susan. I am so grateful we were able to go to the cottage together this summer.

Léa Beauvais - October 23, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family on Jacques' passing. I know all the special things you shared as a family will bring you some comfort.
Our condolences to you at this sad time.

Fran & Mark Sturm

Fran Sturm - October 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear this. Jacques helped train me when I first started as a PHI in Toronto Public Health. I learned so much from him. I will never forget his kindness. He always helped me when I asked and was a great resource. My deepest condolences to his family.

Krishna Sookdeo - October 09, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Jacques was one of my best mentors during my two stints of field training at the City of North York in 1985 and 1986. Fond memories are what we have to remember the legacy of our dearest public health inspector colleague. May he rest in peace, dear friend. Puisse cet ami cher reposer en paix. -Dennis Persaud

Dennis Persaud - October 09, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Dear Cindy and family,

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I knew Jacques as a public health colleague. I remember him as a friendly and kind man who enjoyed life, family and friends.

Mark Bartlett

Mark Bartlett - October 09, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Dear Cindy and family, on hearing the sad announcement of Jacques's passing, our hearts were filled with sadness. But, on thinking about Jacques's impact on us with his love of life and laughter, it uplifted our spirit. As a true Public Health Inspector, Jacques was a dedicated professional. We will miss him dearly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Deepest condolences,
Henry Chong
Past President, 1991 to 1993
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, Ontario Branch.

Henry Chong - October 09, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ I first met Jacques playing slow-pitch; when he started working for North York Public Health, and I was working for Scarborough P.H. in the mid 1970's. We crossed paths many times and he always had a kind disposition. Many years later, when we retired, I find out he is working in Cornwall; we had mutual friends from that area as I grew up spending summers on my Aunt's farm in Summerstown; and he was so happy to host the curling bonspiel in Cornwall. His quiet demeanour will be missed but not forgotten.

Paul White

paul white - October 09, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ So terribly sorry for this awful loss to the whole family. Joie de vivre, indeed, describes the man we knew; always smiling and very friendly. Our heart goes out to all of you. May the memories you made and shared with Jacques help you through this difficult time and in the years ahead. May his memory be a blessing.

Much love, Judy and Harley

Judy Nyman - October 09, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Dear Cindy: I'm so very sorry to hear of this.

May his memory be a blessing.

Michael Wagner

Michael Wagner - October 09, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Jacques was a real gentleman and he was devoted to his family. James always lit up when Jacques entered the room and they could speak French together. My sincere condolences to everyone in his family, especially Cindy, Alex and Léa. Be kind to yourselves and each other.

Soryl - October 09, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Dear Cindy & family
Sending you my condolences. Wishing you fond memories of good times spent with Jacques.
Jane Cooper

jane - October 09, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Ma chère Cindy et tes enfants Je suis peine du décès de Jacques qui fut la première personne francophone que j'ai rencontré et devenu ami grace j'ai fais ta connaissance Cindy il restera dans mon coeur que dieu le bénisse
Toute mon affection à votre famille.
Dominique hyernard

Dominique - October 09, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Dear Cindy and family,
We met Jacques from working at Toronto Public Health. He was a great friend and sports enthusiast. We enjoyed curling and golfing together on a regular basis over the past few years. Jacques was easygoing, very generous with his time and open to new adventures. He brought many people together through sports. We had great times together and he will be missed.
Our deepest sympathies,
Bill and Sue

William - October 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ Dear Cindy, Alex and Lea,
I was shocked to hear about Jacques' passing. He was such a fixture on our street, always with such a warm and winning smile! Reuven and I send you our deepest condolences.
May his memory be a blessing.
Judy and Reuven

Judith Roseberg - October 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Cindy, my deepest sympathies to you and the kids. I am so sorry for your loss. Jacques was a wonderful friend and I feel honored to have known him. I still remember the first day that Jacques walked into work at North York many years ago and his frequent exclamation 'oohh la la' expressing his love of life. Jacques was a great guy and absolute gentlemen. He took his public health work very seriously and could always be absolutely relied on. I am very sad over Jacques passing and we, his North York and Cuba friends, and his curling friends will miss him immensely.
Glen Hudgin

Glen Hudgin - October 11, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ Dear Cindy and family:
I just learned of the passing of your dear husband and father.
My sincere condolences to all of you during this difficult and sad time.
Jacques was a man who was obviously held in high regard by many as evident in the tributes to his life on this site.
May all your wonderful family memories be comforting in the days ahead.
Sharon Pogue

Sharon Pogue - October 14, 2020 at 06:39 PM