



# Karl Wilhelm Hemmerich

March 20, 2020

Karl Wilhelm Hemmerich, Dipl. Ing, P. Eng. (12 May 1942 - 20 March 2020)

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Karl Wilhelm Hemmerich. After enduring, with great dignity, a devastating illness, he died on the 20th of March surrounded by his family. Karl is survived by his wife, Ingrid, his daughters, Katja and Andrea, and his grandchildren, Frederick and Eva.

Karl was born and educated in Germany and moved to Canada to work for the City of Toronto in 1978 until his retirement.

He enjoyed spending time with friends and family playing tennis, golf and bridge, and was a devoted patron of the Toronto symphony. Karl was also an avid model train enthusiast, a hobby he shared with his grandkids. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends in Canada and Germany.

“Wenn ihr mich sucht, sucht mich in euren Herzen. Habe ich dort eine Bleibe gefunden, lebe ich in euch weiter.”

Rainer Maria Rilke

Due to COVID-19 precautions, a small private reception will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in memory of Karl Wilhelm Hemmerich be directed to one of the following:

1. "The Palliative Care Unit," in care of The Sunnybrook Foundation, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3M5 (416-480-4483);
2. Pancreatic Cancer Canada at <https://pancreaticcancercanada.ca/ways-to-give/>; or
3. St. George's Lutheran Church via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-georges-lutheran-church/>



# Comments

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“ Our condolences to Ingrid and the family. Sad indeed. He called Marie-Paul and I on March 19 to say 'Auf Wiedersehen'. He was our neighbour in Rosedale and my weekend bridge partner for the past 12 years. During golf season Karl would call me on Friday like clockwork to decide which day to play depending on which day was the best weather to play golf! I'm happy to report we often came 1st or 2nd, so I'll be missing Karl a lot!

I don't know how many times his name is on the tennis league Texaco Cup, but I can tell you how many times his name is on the Men's Toronto Interclub Bridge 'Team of Four' Trophy - because I have the trophy in my living room - and Karl's name is on it 6 times - 97/00/03/05/08/09 - a terrific accomplishment that only a handful of players have bettered in the league's 42 year history.

My hope is that Karl will find some good bridge games in heaven and save me a seat at the table!



**Peter Gallop** - April 07, 2020 at 07:14 AM

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“ Dear Ingrid, Katja and Andrea, Marietta and I send our hearty condolences and we are very sad to loose a good friend. We had a lot of fun over the 30years by playing weekly, golf games , competitive or friendly bridge and just getting together socially..Karl was a true perfectionist and many persons could understand his well meant intentions. We are with you in these hard days, IMMO and Marietta

**immo v on Schroeter** - March 28, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ Dear Ingrid, Katja and Andrea:

Karl and I shared a lot of memories. He was my friend and colleague for the past 25 years. We played tennis regularly, although he was always better at it, but on the golf course we were equal. We had our disagreements which really cemented our friendship. I'll miss him and would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the Hemmerich Family

Tom Denes

Tom Denes - March 27, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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“ Dear ingrid, Katja and Andrea, This message is from Dougie, as best i can representing for my part :- the Cricket club mens tennis house league group that Karl was such a stalwart member of, but also as friends in tennis through the years, and golf from time to time. Karl was always a kind and friendly face for us, especially my son who he managed to be patient and encouraging to as he nervously entered the team and hit his first round of golf. Andy sends his best to you all too. We shared together with the whole group that team-sport bonhomie over the years, and i know he had many great games and fun nights educating most of us at one time or another! ;^D I sent a message out via the commissioner to the group at large who i know will be thinking of you all as they learn of his passing. I hope that's Ok. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies. x0 Kind regards Dougie



Dogie Craig - March 27, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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Dogie Craig - March 27, 2020 at 08:50 PM

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“ Dear Ingrid, Katja, and Andrea,  
Please accept my deepest condolences. I remember your Dad well and have fond memories from when we were growing up (like when he created that amazing train track/village) and then let us play:). Sending much strength and love at this difficult time. xox Amanda Kelman Miller

Amanda - March 26, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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“ Our last, wonderful family holiday at the Baltic sea in 2019. Who finds „Walter“? :)



Marko Hemmerich - March 24, 2020 at 03:14 AM

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“ Dear Ingrid, Katja and Andrea, such lovely photos bringing back memories. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.  
Sending our condolences,  
Sigi and Malcolm with Lotte and Lenny



Sigi Bovermann - March 23, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ A friend and a fair man. He would always ask me hard questions but give me advance notice so I could prepare an answer. I'll miss him (and the model railroad!).

Bill Hanigsberg - March 23, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ Dear Katja and Andrea....I was saddened to learn of you Dad’s passing. It was such fun to reconnect with him at the bridge table, so long after our association at St. Clement’s School. He taught me a lot about bridge, and we enjoyed chatting about our daughters:)

In spite of his illness, your Dad continued to come out to bridge and to the fitness room where Bob enjoyed chatting with him. Indeed, Karl handled it all with great dignity.

Our condolences....Susan and Bob Byrick

**Susan Byrick** - March 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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**Ingrid** - March 23, 2020 at 11:15 AM