



Laurence Oscar Staal

January 24, 2021

Laurence Oscar Staal (January 7, 1936)

Surrounded by his family, Laurence Oscar Staal slipped away peacefully at home on Sunday January 24, 2021. Loving father of Bryan (Wendy) and Laurie(Gerald). Fun loving 'Grampy' to Clayton (Candice), Jerret(Natalie), Brandon (Jaclyn) and Kyle. He adored his great granddaughter Charlotte Grace. Laurence is survived by his brother Robert, sister-in-law Caroline and ex-wife Grace.

Pre-deceased by his parents, Carrie and Henry Staal, brothers Vernon(late Dorothy) and Ronnie(late Heather)and sisters Arlene(late William), Lella(late Bjarne) and Hilda(late Knud).

'Uncle Sonny' was adored by his many nieces and nephews who cherished his fun-loving style and contagious laughter. At the time of his birth, his mother said, 'Bring Sonny boy over here', the nickname stuck, and he was known by family and dear friends as 'Sonny'. He was outgoing, honest, principled and caring. A teacher of everything he knew best, he lived life to the fullest as long as he possibly could. Known also as 'Larry' in business and with friends later in life, he worked many years as a plumber, ultimately retiring as an plumbing and heating inspector with the City of North York. Wintering in Florida for many years and travelling to other parts of the world, he made friends wherever he went. Later in life, he met his very dear friend and companion Dorothy Everson, who supported him to the very end of life. Dad stayed strong and courageous until he could not fight his battle with cancer any longer. He lived a long, healthy and happy life, and he lived it on his terms. His wishes were to be cremated with no memorial service, and that we remember him as he was, loving life.

If you wish, donations can be made to the following charities which reflect his lifelong caring ways.

Feed the Need in Durham

<https://feedtheneedindurham.ca/other-ways-to-support-ftnd/>

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities

<https://secure.ctjumpstart.ca/registant/DonationPage.aspx?eventid=211185>

Comments



“ Dear Laurie, Bryan and families and Dorothy,

I am so sorry for your loss and know that Larry will be truly missed by so, so many people. He was a joy to everyone who knew him.

My Mom and I were part of the McDonald's morning coffee chat group and we were fortunate that Larry was one of our friends there. We were also neighbours of Larry in Scarborough. He was so much fun and so good natured and such a gentleman and his sense of humour was a gift. We were so glad to know him.

We adored Larry and will never forget him.

With condolences and heartfelt wishes to all for healing.

Carol Austin (and for my Mom, the late Joan Austin)

Carol Austin - February 03 at 02:37 PM



“ To Laurie, Bryan and families May your Dad's memories be with you always. I have many memories of Uncle Sonny and May he Rest In Peace. With love, Donna Quartermain.

Donna Quartermain - January 29 at 01:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with family, friends and with Larry
Lorraine walker

lorraine walker - January 29 at 01:06 PM



“ We have many fond memories of Sonny... all of them involve Sonny smiling and laughing . He was a wonderful man and we will miss him .
May he Rest In Peace
Kevin and Robin

Robin Legacy - January 28 at 06:36 PM



“ Thank you, Sonny for many great memories. Our sing songs in the driveway, hockey games, card games etc. You were a very special person and you will be missed by all. Rest in peace. Grace, Laurie and Bryan we are so sorry for your loss. We will all miss his happy smile and sense of humour. Know we are thinking of you at this difficult time. Love Theresa and Art .

Art and Theresa Quartermain - January 28 at 02:26 PM



“ Sonny .. we had many good times together over the years. I remember the cruise our families treated us to for our 75th Birthdays. What a great fine we had. I surely will miss you as a good friend and at our family dinners. May you rest in peace now. Jean

Jean Johns - January 28 at 12:49 PM



“ Dorothy, Vernie and I are so sorry for your loss. Larry was always such a gentleman. So glad you guys found each other. You made a great couple. We are very glad to have met you both. He was very fortunate to have you by his side. Take care of yourself and stay safe.

Vernie and Llomie

Lloma Myles - January 27 at 07:39 PM



“ Laurie, Brian and families,
Can't say how sorry we are to hear of the passing of your father. However, at that point in his life when he told Earle he had had enough and was ready to go, we felt a sense of relief that his time had come. We have so many great memories from cruising, music, cards, and dinners together. He was a very special person and we will surely miss him.

Earle and Margie Pike - January 28 at 03:58 PM



“ Laurie and Brian so sorry to hear about Sonny he was the hardest working most reliable ;person that I ever knew. I have happy memories of him when I lived in TO with you guys.
He always gave 100% whether it was golf hockey or family. One of the good guys gone.
Jerry

Gerald Campbell - January 27 at 07:04 PM



“ My condolences to Aunt Grace, Laurie, Bryan and their families from ours. A great "Okie from Muskogee" has left us (this is the one song I always remember him singing!)

Michael Quartermain - January 27 at 05:02 PM



“ We have many fond memories of Uncle Sonny growing up with his infectious laugh and fun smile. He was such a kind and gracious man. Warm thoughts to you Laurie and Bryan and Aunt Grace. Love you x. Karen Timmons (Quartermain) Bill, Ryan and Morgan

Karen Timmons - January 27 at 03:53 PM



“ Will never forget uncle Sonny playing guitar and singing around the kitchen on a Saturday nite.He always played everybody's favourites . He was a true gentlemen and lots of fun to be around .

brian campbell - January 27 at 03:46 PM



“ 15 files added to the album Dad's photos



Laurie Johns - January 27 at 02:12 PM



“ 15 files added to the album Tribute wall



Laurie Johns - January 27 at 02:07 PM



“ Larry was a great man. Never shy, always excited to strike up a conversation on just about anything. Loved the time we shared a hotel room down south on a golfing trip. Never laughed so hard in my life. A lover of country music, I'm sure he is in a country bar in heaven right now singing all of his favorite hurtin' tunes. Rest in peace Larry. You'll always be in my thoughts.

Tony Whitehouse

Tony Whitehouse - January 27 at 10:52 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Larry's family. Larry was a regular performer at the Alano Club as well as many other music events around Durham region. He was a sweet man, and we will miss him and his musicrest in peace, Larry.
Haydee and Robert Davis

Haydee Grant and Robert Davis - January 27 at 09:58 AM



“ We met Larry at Dances and Jamboree's and open mic sessions. Very good singer and entertainer but above all a true gentlemen. Rest in peace Larry and God Bless you and your family. Elwood (Woody) & Lynda Lee.

Elwood & Lynda Lee - January 26 at 06:11 PM



“ Larry was a true and loyal friend for the last 26 years. We met at country dancing and hung out together before he moved to Oshawa. I will miss him and remember the good times we had at his cottage and the pool parties at my place

My deepest sympathy to his family and Dorothy.

RIP my friend

David Wooldridge - January 26 at 11:22 AM



“ A sincere sympathy to Larry or Sonny Staals family at this sad time. He was a cousin of mine and also a good friend through life. He always visited when in New Denmark and always took in the dances and took part. We always enjoyed life. He will be missed . Again my sympathy Fred Jensen New Denmark

Fred Jensen - January 26 at 09:40 AM



“ Susan Scullion And Tim Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Laurence Oscar Staal



Susan Scullion and Tim Hall - January 26 at 07:35 AM



“ Larry will be missed by friends from our Friday night dances here in Lindsay. A great dancer musician and singer. My condolences to Dorthy and his family.

Marilyn Laporte - January 26 at 12:33 AM



“ Larry was the kindest person one would ever want to meet and know He was a real gentleman , caring and always willing to help anywhere he could. He will be sadly missed by all of his music friends as well. Rest in peace Larry. God Bless.

Arlene McLellan - January 25 at 08:35 PM



“ My condolences to Sonny's family grew up with Sonny in New Denmark, N.B. any time I saw him over the years he always said to me " you know that your mother was our Sunday School teacher when we were young". Last time I saw him was at John Christensen's Birthday party in Toronto and he had me up dancing to the good music that was played. I talked to him on the phone maybe two months ago. Childhood Friend. Rest in Peace Sonny. Nathalie (Svendsen) Copp.

Nathalie (Svendsen) Copp - January 25 at 08:28 PM



“ I met Sonny on a drive to New Denmark, NB many years ago with my Uncle John Christensen and Tante Anne. He was a fun travelling companion. My condolences to his family.

Alisa Copp - January 27 at 04:26 PM



“ So many memories of Uncle Sonny. From the many trips the Staal's made from Scarborough, Ont every summer as Uncle Sonny always tried to make the trip in "record time". I remember Uncle Sonny digging out the guitar and singing the old country songs. Remember when I was really young and we were starting an outdoor hockey rink in small town New Denmark, NB and Uncle Sonny arranged to have a lot of hockey equipment shipped from the York Flames in Ontario so our whole community would have enough equipment to play. Everything matched gloves, pants, socks, uniforms. We looked like pros! Thoughts and prayers to Bryan, Laurie and their families.

Kent - January 25 at 07:21 PM



“ I remember many many years ago Larry and I were having a discussion about our children not going to be tough and committed as our generation. We had that discussion again years later. We both admitted we had four very responsible caring hard working adults. Anyone knowing our brother in law ,sister in law relationship we had many a discussion but never an argument. I will miss our discussions and his friendship. May he rest in peace.

Caroline staal - January 25 at 06:38 PM



“ Sonny was as up front as you could be, honest , funny and a man I will not forget many good memories, he will be missed, my condolences to all the family . May he Rest In Peace. Glen Harper

Glen Harper - January 25 at 06:05 PM