



## Lee Groves

December 21, 2018

Lee Curtis Groves, 79, of Aurora, Ontario, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2018 at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

Lee was born in Onslow, Nova Scotia to Fred and Ella Groves. He moved to Toronto at age 16 and met the love of his life, Susan Carpenter. They married a few years later and enjoyed nearly 59 wonderful years together.

Lee was an extremely loving and proud father to his children Michael Groves of Aurora and Julie Zahab and her husband Marc of Toronto. He was also an amazing and dedicated grandfather to Matthew and Nick Zahab, who brought him so much joy.

Lee was passionate about hockey, baseball, automobiles and of course, his family. He loved travel and especially enjoyed the many cruises he took with Susan and Michael. He very happily worked at ToromontCat for more than 44 years and enjoyed his involvement with the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada. In his spare time he enjoyed coaching softball, playing hockey, entertaining around the pool and being on the golf course.

Lee is survived by his siblings Don Groves (Sally), Lloyd Groves (Marilyn), Sharon Osborne (Cyril), Wayne Groves (Sherry) and Art Groves (Cheryl), and his sister-in-law Gail Fleming.

The family will hold a celebration of life for Lee Groves on Saturday, March 2 from noon to 3 pm in the Our Lady of the Annunciation Church hall, 97 King Road in Richmond Hill. Speeches will commence at 1 pm.

Memorial donations may be made in Lee's name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

# Events

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Lady of the Annunciation Church Hall  
97 King Road, Richmond Hill, ON, CA

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**Karen Ertl** - February 14, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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**Karen Ertl** - February 14, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ “Linda, Lisa, Julie, Janice” ... the starting batting lineup given by Mr. Groves when I played softball with Julie when we were kids ... these were also the last words I heard from him when I saw him at my mom’s celebration of life, followed by his contagious smile which made me feel that everything will be ok. This picture is when Mr. Groves, along with Mr. Graham and my dad, coached us to a silver medal in the 1983 Canadian Championship. My deepest condolences to Mrs. Groves, Mike, Julie and her family. Lisa xo



**Lisa Tanaka** - February 11, 2019 at 06:31 AM

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My condolences Sue, Julie and Mike.

I had the distinct pleasure of being Lee's friend for 33 years and enjoyed every minute we were together while working at Crothers Limited and Toromont Cat.

We traveled together to such places like Peoria, Tucson, Parry Sound and everywhere in between. Lee was a gentlemen, an industry ambassador and all that knew Lee respected him.

Farewell my friend.

Paul Dingley

Paul Dingley - February 06, 2019 at 02:48 PM

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**Wayne & Sherry Groves** - January 22, 2019 at 07:54 AM

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“ I remember Lee being so gracious when I first started dating Brad Jackson. The Jacksons lived next door to the Groves. Lee always had a wholehearted laugh, was so hospitable and welcoming. He was just one of those guys that made you feel so comfortable. Such a nice man. You will be missed Lee!

**Lauren McFarlane** - January 21, 2019 at 07:16 PM

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“ It is hard to imagine a world without Lee Groves, Lee was a person you could easily talk too about any subject, whether it is politics, sports, world events or chicken wings and beers, and Lee would have an opinion that you could easily agree on. I loved to make Lee laugh he had a laugh that any comedian would pay for in an audience. Each year I would look forward to meeting Lee and the gang at the Annual Kelly Golf Classic, and even when Lee could no longer play a full round of golf, he and Sue would traditionally meet the gang on scramble Friday to say hi to us all, I guess what I will miss most is saying hi to Lee.

Mike Zahab and family

**Mike Zahab** - January 20, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ It is difficult to imagine losing a family member; especially at the beginning a new year. In times like this you have to try to remain strong and to celebrate his life. My condolences goes out to you and your family

Natasha Matthews

**natasha matthews** - January 21, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Deepest condolences to all of you on the loss of Lee. I have very precious memories of him. He always made me feel welcome and part of the family, was a riot and joy to be with. And he always laughed at my jokes...which is even better. Sending love and light to Susan, Michael, Julie and Marc and the boys.

Love,

Luke Avison and family

**Luke** - January 24, 2019 at 10:33 AM