



## Norman Walter Babbs

March 20, 2020

Sadly our family announces that Norman Walter Babbs, born Sunday October 10, 1937 to Ruth (nee Bradley) and Walter Babbs, passed away on March 20, 2020 with his daughters by his side. Norman was the middle brother to elder Trevor (Eva) and younger David (Marilyn).

Raised in Toronto and Scarborough, during high school he met his sweetheart Sharon (nee Cowling). They celebrated their 60th anniversary last year.

Daughters Donna (Stephen Latto) and Linda will miss his sense of humour, compassion, guidance and devotion to the well-being of his family. Dad and mom gave us all the opportunities they never had.

Through an early introduction to theatre, Pop and Nana inspired grandchildren Ben and Krista Newey to pursue careers in the arts.

“Mrs. Cowling” will miss her dear son-in-law. Pre-deceased by brother-in-law Bill Cowling whose daughters Amoreena and Jesse-Kate survive him

Survived by cousin Pat James (Tom), nieces Kathleen and Jennifer, and nephew Tom (Fiona) whose sons Evan and Nicholas will carry on the Babbs name.

An Ontario Land Surveyor, Norm worked for the Ontario Department of Highways and later, JD Barnes, Holding & Babbs, and Ivan B. Wallace etc.

His passion was sailing, with impressionism art a close second. He loved hockey, animals, music of all kinds and Charles Schultz comics. Norm and Sharon traveled extensively, enjoyed their cottage, theatre, art museums and were great dancers.

Best man Ken Smith (Sandra) remained a constant friend throughout his life. Dear friends since the '60s are John & Lynda Prain, June and Savo Steffoff.

A celebration of Norman's life will take place in the future. Online condolences may be made at [aftercare.org/obituaries](https://aftercare.org/obituaries). In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation to a food bank.

May he rest in peace.

# Comments

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“ Hello Babbs family, it's Ken Steffoff. I am so saddened by the passing of Norm and my deepest sympathy to all of you as well to anybody and everybody that had the pleasure of knowing Norm. My father was absolutely in his glory when Norm would come by to watch a hockey game with him. My Dad truly loved Norm, when Norm was on his way to see him my Dad would prepare Norm's favourite warm roasted nuts and ensure that there was Rye there for him. When Norm and my father coached minor hockey together, they were a perfect team. My Dad also took such pride in being friends with Norm. If you could have seen my Dad's face when Norm would call and ask my Dad if he wanted to go out on Norm's Sailboat, it was just so nice, almost tear jerking to see the childish, happy and exciting look and pure joy on my Father's face. I have a tool that was my Father's, a Dremell tool in a small case that Norm would borrow fairly often. There was one time Norm returned it to my father and when you opened the small box there was a note taped to the inside of the top lid that said "this tool was stolen from Norm Babbs", my father laughed so hard it was nice to see, I still have that tool and the note inside that Norm wrote' it will stay there forever. Every time I use that tool I see that note and it brings back good memories. When we all lived on Rosegrove, the three families (the Babbs, Prains and the Steffoffs became very good friends. I remember a couple of occasions when they got together and socialized while sitting by our pool and listening to music coming from a now extinct reel to reel tape player lol. Just the memories of the natural laughter and fun they always had brings tears of joy to my eyes. We would all get a kick out of Norm's reaction to us (the Steffoff family) when we would go in to give him a hug whenever we saw him He was very shy about it but we all knew inside his heart that he was actually more than okay with it. When things happen that remind me of some memories, I tell my kids the whole story behind the memories in hopes that they can see how important it is to have and cherish effortless and loving friendships that will last forever as our parents have shown all of us throughout their entire lives. I will always have only good memories of Norm because there are no bad ones. My deepest condolences to everyone and I love all you.

**Kenneth Steffoff** - April 10, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Wow, very nice Ken(ny) Thank you

**Linda** - April 15, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ You're very welcome. If and when the time comes for Norm's celebration of life please let me (us, meaning the Steffoff family) know if there is anything we can do to help. We would be more than happy to help with whatever you need.

**Kenneth Steffoff** - April 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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**Linda Babbs** - March 30, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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**Linda Babbs** - March 29, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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**Donna Babbs** - March 28, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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“ Rest easy my old friend, rest easy.

**Ivan Wallace** - March 27, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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Linda Babbs - March 25, 2020 at 11:08 AM

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Linda Babbs - March 25, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ As stated in Dad's obituary, in lieu of flowers please consider donating to a food bank.

Linda Babbs - March 25, 2020 at 10:18 AM