



## Raymond Irving Harden

April 3, 2020

We celebrate the life of our beloved Raymond Irving Harden, who died peacefully at St. Clair O'Connor Community in Toronto on April 3, 2020 at 93 years of age. Loving husband of the late Lorraine Harden (nee Harkness), he is survived by daughter Lesley Rush (husband Rob), sons Barry Harden, and Craig Harden (wife Bonni). He is predeceased by sister Gwen, and brothers Paul and Robert.

Born in Cooksville, Ontario, Raymond enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army during WWII from 1942-1945 and served with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, stationed in Dawson Creek B.C. After the war, Raymond married his sweetheart Lorraine and raised a family in Don Mills. He worked for many years as a supply chain management supervisor with British American Oil, Gulf Oil, and later Petro Canada.

Raymond loved the Ontario cottage country life and enjoyed many summers together with Lorraine and family at their cottage on Blackwater Lake. He lived by Christian values, with a generous, loving spirit, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to family and friends. Raymond will be dearly missed by his children and their families, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and his many friends.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Abo Akintan, Mary Hoare, CEO, St. Clair O'Connor, and all the nursing home staff for their dedicated service and loving care for Raymond.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, plans for a memorial service have been postponed until a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Clair O'Connor Community Foundation [www.scoc.ca](http://www.scoc.ca) in memory of Raymond Harden.

# Comments

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“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Raymond, dad and father-in-law of our beloved friends Craig and Bonni. We would like to express our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to the whole family. May his soul ‘Rest In Peace’ in the bosom of our heavenly Divine Mother, Father & Friend!  
Best wishes,  
Elliot & Rosemarie Wilson

**Elliot Wilson** - May 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ We love you very much, Dad. We honour you and we miss you dearly. Rest in sweet eternal peace until we meet again xoxxx



**Daughter Lesley** - April 15, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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**Lesley** - April 14, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ We met Ray and Lorraine up at Blackwater Lake many years ago. We would visit each other and share a nice meal together. We very much enjoyed celebrating Ray's 90th birthday. By coincidence when we would visit Edith's cousin Gilda at O'Connor St. Clair seniors home we had the pleasure to visit Ray at the same time. Ray his daughter Lesley, son Craig and Craig's father-in-law ,Ken',Edith and Gilda would all sit together and share good conversation and good times together.

Our condolences to Ray's wonderful family on their loss.

Ken and Edith Taylor  
Gilda Hornby

**Edith Taylor** - April 13, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Ken and Edith, thank you so much for your kind words and special memories. Fond times at Blackwater Lake and also spending time with you both, as well as Craig and his father-in-law, at SCOC. Memories are golden. Our dad always enjoyed your visits and friendship. It was a pleasure to have your cousin, Gilda, join us and our dad appreciated a friendly face in long term care. Richest blessings and thanks again for helping our hearts to heal.

**Lesley, Rob, Craig, Bonni, Barry** - April 17, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you are your family. My cousin use to be neighbours of Ray for many years at the cottage.. My husband and I met Ray and his loving daughter a few years ago. Ray and Lesley were always so kind and thoughtful, enjoyed the visits and chats. Loretta and Richard Fortner

**Loretta Fortner** - April 13, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ The Harden family thanks you very much for your message and kind words of comfort. Our dad, Raymond, always looked forward to your phone calls and visits. God bless you, Loretta and Richard

**Lesley and Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Lesley and Rob. May the spirits of both Ray and Lorraine live on at Blackwater Lake. They will both be fondly remembered

**Kaucharik Family** - April 13, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Kaucharik family, thank you very much for your kind message of condolence and memory of our parents. It gives our great comfort during this difficult time. All the best

**Lesley, Rob and Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:05 AM

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**The Kaucharik Family** - April 13, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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“ Ken And Edith lit a candle in memory of Raymond Irving Harden



**Ken and Edith** - April 12, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Ken and Edith, thank you very much. Hope you saw our detailed note of thanks on here :)

**Lesley, Rob, Craig, Bonni, Barry** - April 17, 2020 at 10:23 PM

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Our condolences to his wonderful family on their loss.

Ken and Edith Taylor  
Gilda Hornby

**Ken and Edith** - April 12, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ Raymond has been a part of my life for 70 years. On March 17th he called and we said our good-byes, he told me to take care of my son. We had lovely trips together to Mt. Allison, Florida, and time together at the cottage near Parry Sound. I will miss sharing fond memories with Raymond. My condolences to Lesley, Rob, Craig, Bonni and Barry and their extended family ~ Joan H.



**Joan Harkness** - April 12, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Aunt Joan, thank you kindly for your message of condolence on the passing of our beloved father, Raymond, and your brother-in-law. We appreciate your wonderful memories of him. All the best. Richest blessings to you and David

**Lesley and Rob, Craig and Bonni, Barry** - April 15, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ The loss of your dad has saddened our entire family. We have so many wonderful memories of times spent with Uncle Ray and Aunt Lorraine. Nothing can ever take away a love a heart holds dear. Keeping you close in our thoughts, hearts and prayers.  
With Love, Cathy, Dalton and family xoxo

**Cathy McGugan** - April 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Cathy, Dalton and family, thank you very much for your kind message of condolence on the passing of our beloved dad, Raymond. Your words, love and prayers offer us great comfort. Many thanks and richest blessings xo

**Lesley and Rob, Craig and Bonni, Barry** - April 15, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ Our prayers are with the Harden family. It was always a pleasure to spend time and have discussions with Ray. He will be missed.  
With Love...The Rush Family.



**Elsie & Ron Rush** - April 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Elsie and Ron, thank you very much for your kind words and message of condolence. It means a great deal to us. Love and richest blessings xo

**Lesley and Rob, Craig and Bonni, Barry** - April 15, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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“ So sad to hear that Ray passed away. One is never ready. Blessings to you and family,  
Your parents were one of the first people we met at the cottage, and they showed us warmth and genuine friendliness.  
Our condolences from Judy and Erwin Stahr

**judy Stahr** - April 10, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Judy and Erwin, thank you very much for reaching out and for your kind words. It greatly helps our hearts to heal. All the best

**Lesley and Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:18 AM

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“ The Rosseau General Store Family lit a candle in memory of Raymond Irving Harden



**The Rosseau General Store family** - April 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Thank you very much, RGS family xo

**Lesley and Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Don Westgate sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Irving Harden



**Don Westgate** - April 10, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ I enjoyed knowing Raymond, and was saddened to learn of his passing. My condolences to his family.

**Don Westgate** - April 10, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ Don, thank you very much for your message of condolence. We appreciate it. Best regards

**Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ Hubert And Sharon Gosselin lit a candle in memory of Raymond Irving Harden



**Hubert and Sharon Gosselin** - April 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Thank you very much, Hubert and Sharon. Kind regards

**Lesley, Rob and family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Harden family at this sad time. We have such wonderful memories of our times together at Blackwater Lake with your parents, Raymond and Lorraine. They were such beautiful and kind people.  
All our love,  
Adeline Rozenberg  
John and Jayne Rozenberg  
Richard Rozenberg



**John and Jayne Rozenberg** - April 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Adeline, John, Jayne and Richard, thank you very much for your kind and comforting message of sympathy. It gives us great strength. Our parents and family are blessed to have the Rozenbergs as friends. God bless and richest blessings. Always

**Harden family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM