



Robert Norman Liley

July 17, 2018

Robert Norman Liley, retired teacher, died unexpectedly at home July 11 2018.

Robert, also referred to as Bob and Bubba, was born on November 11 1945 to William and Valerie in Halifax, Yorkshire, England. He immigrated to Canada with his family in 1954. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree from York University in 1975 which he completed in three years while working full time as a teacher. He loved to teach as much as his students loved to attend his classes and had a curious fascination for musical theatre, the arts and mainstream rock. Argos, Maple Leafs and Blue Jays drove his passion for sport, but none of these teams contend to his beloved Halifax Town A.F.C football club; The Shaymen, which he had followed from abroad his entire life.

Survived by children Megan, Rachel (Michael), and Michael (Melissa), grandchildren Georgia, Rosalyn and Hannah, brother Keith and sister Diane.

He will be Deeply Missed. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the heart and stroke foundation would be appreciated.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Aftercare Toronto

1097 O'Connor Drive, Toronto, ON, CA, M4B 2T5

JUL **Funeral** 02:00PM

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JUL **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM

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Olde Stone Cottage Pub

3750 Kingston Rd, Scarborough, ON, CA, M1J 3H5

Comments



“ Outstanding History Teacher... my uncle also taught history at Mowat (Dave Myrvold) and I was often told over the years by many people how great he was and I can certainly say the same about Mr. Liley... some teachers you'll never forget and he was one of them for all the right reasons. RIP

Dave Myrvold - August 22, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ Karina lit a candle in memory of Robert Norman Liley



Karina - July 28, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ My sincere condolences es to the entire family. Mr. Liley was a rare and unique teacher that come along once in a lifetime. His history classes were of epic proportions from climbing on desk to act out scenes to singing songs. R.I.P. May your family know that you made a difference in this world for many young minds . Thank you .

Jeff Pappas - July 26, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Mr. Liley made history fun. He was an awesome teacher. Thirty-five some odd years later I still have a vivid memory of him standing atop our classroom desks at Joseph Howe SR PS wearing his raccoon cap and dramatizing the canoe voyages of the "coureur des bois". Sad to hear of his passing.

Kevin Edward Proulx
(Third Eye Photographics)

Kevin Proulx - July 25, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ My condolences to his family. I don't remember many of my teachers from Howe (82-83) but Mr. Liley was hard to forget. I always enjoyed his classes. I ended up with a BA in Archaeology. He played a part in that.

Lisa K. Thompson - July 25, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ Mr. Liley was a great teacher. He made our history class fun. It was the one class I actually looked forward to at Joseph Howe PS. He always got the whole class involved in whatever he was teaching and always made us laugh, but we learned. He was a kind person. He will be sadly missed by many of the students that were fortunate enough to have him as a teacher. May God bless his soul and his family. My condolences to his whole family. Deanne Giroux.

Dee Gee - July 25, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Best History Teacher Ever! Loved how he acted out his lessons to make things more interesting for his students. He made an impact on everyone entering his classroom. When my children tell me they hate history class, I think it's a shame that they don't have Mr. Liley teaching them!
Steven Christodoulou

Steven Christodoulou - July 25, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ the only time i actually enjoyed History was in Joseph Howe, and had him as a teacher. . such a wonderful teacher, and amazing person. . R.I.P Mr. Liley....

kelly shanley - July 25, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ I was a student in Mr. Liley's Grade 8 History class at Joseph Howe. He had such a passion for history - standing on desks and reacting - brought history to life. I too try to bring that passion to my own teaching. Thank you Mr. Liley! My sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Karla Wagner - July 25, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ An amazing teacher... was just telling my own children the other day what an amazing History teacher I had in JH, He would jump on the desk and we would all pretend to paddle a canoe. He made a huge impact on me and I was lucky to have him as a teacher.

Elizabeth Brand - July 25, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Liley was funny, passionate and a gifted teacher. Rest in peace.

Lisa Minotti Lungren - July 25, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Mr Liley was a rare teacher that you fondly remember almost 40 years later. His Joseph Howe history classes were things of legend. Jumping on desks, singing songs, full costumes and the whole time teaching. RIP

Troy Heath

Troy Heath - July 25, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ I still reference his reenactment of the Battle of Quebec in 1759!
A huge teacher for me.
I'll remember him always.

Thank you for making a part of who I am!

Jeff Jones - July 25, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ So very sad. Both Mr. and Mrs. Liley were my teachers, Mr. Liley was my History teacher at Joseph Howe Sr. P.S., and Mrs. Liley my teacher at William G. Davis P.S. , they were also our neighbours in our community. So sorry to hear the news. My heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to your family, Karen Louise Waghorn

Karen Waghorn - July 25, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ Very sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Liley. He taught me history at Joseph Howe. I often tell people about the fantastic history teacher I had who had us act out battles and use our rulers as boat paddles. He made learning fun and I always looked forward to the next class with him. Condolences to his family and friends. Suzanne Turner

Suzanne Turner - July 25, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Liley. He taught me grade six back in 1976 at West Rouge Public School and was my all time favourite teacher. To this day I sometimes sing the show tunes he taught us during our music lessons. He made learning fun! The kids in the class liked him so much that when he told us he was going to be taking a tennis lesson on that weekend at our local tennis courts, a group of us students in the class all showed up singing a special song we had wrote for him cheering him on during his lesson! He was a little embarrassed but had a big smile on his face! We were very happy that he moved along to Joseph Howe with us the following year when we entered grade seven. I am so glad that when I went back to Joseph Howe for a reunion some years back that he was there and a few of us were able to tell him that he had been our all time favourite teacher. My condolences to his family. Laurie (Trerice) Philp

Laurie Philp - July 24, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Liley family. Bob was a colleague when we were at Pauline Johnson. I remember his great sense of humour and his quiet demeanour. He was always good for a laugh . He will be missed by Family and friends. I will be sending a donation in Bob' memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Leslie Quackenbush

Leslie Quackenbush - July 24, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Robert Norman Liley.



July 24, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ Many memories of young childhood together at Pellon Lane. Also the 3 months stay with us in England on his gap year in 1988 he just love cooking evening meals. Many good times of our holidays in Canada. Our thoughts and love are with you all.



Denise Lambert - July 24, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ We would like to extend our condolences to your family. The few times we spent with Bob we thoroughly enjoyed his company. We will be sending a memorial donation in his memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Daryl and Fern Reinke and family.

Fern Reinke - July 23, 2018 at 10:59 PM