



## Brent George Coppin

December 19, 2020

BRENT GEORGE COPPIN

August 11, 1961 – December 19, 2020

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Brent at his home in Scarborough on December 19, 2020 at the age of 59. Brent had a heart valve replacement on November 27th, and succumbed to pericardial effusion (compression of the heart). He is survived by his sister Sheila, niece Melissa, Aunt Dianne and Cousins Dan and Rick.

Beloved son of Jackie and George Coppin (both predeceased). Brent was born in Toronto and moved to West Hill at the age of 4. As a child, Brent would listen to music on the radio for hours. He loved listening to Elvis and had a good collection of his records. Later on, Neil Young was a favourite. After high school, Brent attended Centennial College for Radio and Television Broadcasting. He had a very successful career with many acknowledgements and awards. Brent's career started in Tillsonburg and from there, was with CJCL Radio, CFRB radio and lastly, CityTV. In 2017, after returning to Centennial College, Brent graduated as a Paralegal and was thrilled to be working in that field. A very intelligent and professional individual he was. Brent loved to play the harmonica and was quite impressive doing so. He enjoyed baseball, golfing and fishing with his buddies at their annual memorial fishing derby.

Brent will be greatly missed by all his family, colleagues and many, many dear friends, both near and far. His fun-loving, generous and considerate nature will be forever imprinted in our hearts and minds.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will not be held at this time.

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Brent at City for several years. Brent always made me laugh, always had a quick joke. His work ethic and no BS attitude will always be respected. I will never forget how good he made me feel, even in the worst of times, he always had an outlook that made you smile. He used to call me "Marky" - the only other person who ever did that was my father. I hope they are hanging out together and having a smoke and a beer. God bless you Brent.

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**Marc Dunn** - June 03, 2021 at 01:39 AM

DT

“ This is such sad news. I worked with Brent at CFRB in the 1990s and he was one of those unforgettable newsroom colleagues. He was a dedicated police reporter who enjoyed the pace of the beat and the stories he covered. But as serious as he was about reporting, he also had a great sense of fun. He teased us. He cracked jokes. He always had that twinkle in his eyes. It's terrible that he died so young. Rest in peace, Brentley. My deep condolences to his family and friends.

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**Donna Tranquada** - February 08, 2021 at 01:02 PM

WI

“ Sincere condolences from the Wittrup family

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**wittrup** - February 06, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SW

“ So very sorry to hear about the passing of Brent. Condolences to the family. I worked with Brent at CFRB and he was edgy, passionate and funny. He typed up his stories with conviction - as if he couldn't get the words out quickly enough. One of the good guys - one of a kind.



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**Sheila Walsh** - February 05, 2021 at 11:44 AM

AS

“ I worked with Brent at CFRB in the late 90s. It was my first job in the business. Back then he was stationed at police headquarters on the crime beat and in fierce - but friendly - competition with the late Jim Morris at 680 News (another journalist taken too soon). I learned an awful lot about deadlines, scoops, and sources. Brent was solid guy, a straight shooter, always told you how it was, old school, no sugar coating. We shared many a beer over good and not so good times. I'm sorry to hear he passed. My condolences. He will be missed.

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**Aaron Saltzman** - February 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DW

“ Brent was colourful and unforgettable character, as a man and as a reporter in the CFRB newsroom. He worked the police beat and was passionate about getting all the facts out. When newscasts on the radio station were curtailed and cut back, reporters were told not to file anything over 30 seconds. Brent would voice a 29 second report and then write a lead -filled with facts that absolutely had to be included - that would take more than a minute for any anchor to read.

He was such a character at CFRB's office in TPS headquarters, that he taught the cleaning lady there to say "It's bloody caesar time!", recorded her saying it, and played it to the newsroom to let folks know he was signing out for the day.

His loss at such a young age is unimaginable.

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**Debra Whittall** - February 05, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ I enjoyed Brent so much as a classmate at Centennial College. He had a wonderful sense of humour. He was also very authentic and sincere. My condolences to his family and close friends.

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**Colleen Macdonell** - February 05, 2021 at 08:04 AM

BB

“ I worked with Brent at CFRB and he was a class act and a true pro in the newsroom. Rest in Peace my friend

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**Bruce Barker** - February 05, 2021 at 06:55 AM

SB

“ I met Brent at Centennial College in Radio and Television Course. We hit it off and hung around with each other at school. His friend and he used to drive me home from school. I was only in this program for one year, then transferred to Nursing. We stayed in contact for a while after school. I still remember exactly what he looked like then. I thought about him over the years. Wished we had stayed in touch .When, the class was having a reunion 2 years ago, I asked about Brent. He was very smart and fun to be around. It was very sad when his friend passed away during our first year. He was devastated. They were close. I am so sad for your loss. I'm glad I knew him. Love Susan Ball..

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**Susan Ball** - February 04, 2021 at 12:23 AM

LN

“ I have known Brent for the 20 yrs during my bartending life and have come to become a close neighbour....with annoying moments and tempers flaring he was always a soft hearted crusty man the last few years...it makes u remember the good times of him back in the days and knowing he will always have ur back even when things were rough around him...he will be missed that's for sure... This was a hard xmas and new year for my family with him gone...we always made him thxgiving and xmas dinner and always scared the crap outta him at midnite on new years...very somber year this year...  
**RISE UP AND SHINE THAT LIGHT SIR!!!**  
(but turn the damn tv down and shut up down down there) bless ur soul sir crusty pants..

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**Lynda Nadon** - January 12, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of Brent's passing. We worked together on the writers' desk at City in the late 90s, early 2000s. Brent was funny with a really big heart. He used to love to tease people and was always ready to go for a beer with the team.  
Dayna

Dayna Gourley - January 11, 2021 at 12:28 PM

KG

“ Brent was always at our house while we were growing up. He was my brother Mike's close friend. Two things come to mind. One was my friend Cindy Goodine was at the house and for whatever reason Brent decided to shove an egg salad sandwich in her face. I'm not sure what led up to it. The other time I don't think I lived at home but was visiting and Brent cut his hand on something. There was blood everywhere. Thinking I was the older sister here I should help I remember not quite being able to handle it. To Sheila and Melissa I'm so sorry for your loss.

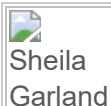


Kathy Goodfellow-Schlichthorn - January 10, 2021 at 06:06 PM

KG

I think Brent must have really loved sandwiches. I have sandwich memories as well. When he was over, he would get me to make sandwiches for him and then pay me. I likely got mad at him for eating so many sandwiches so he came up with the idea of paying me. I started making them for him all the time then.

Kelly G. - January 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM



Good memories! It's funny what we can remember from so far back and then sometimes nothing. Glad to hear them.

Sheila Garland - January 12, 2021 at 11:25 PM



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**Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service - January 10, 2021 at 02:21 PM**