



## Chesley Advin Boucher

November 15, 2025

July 4, 1940 - November 15, 2025

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of Chesley Boucher of Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. A close-knit community that has maintained communication to this day thanks to the members of The Sydney-Toronto Association, of which he was a member. Leaving Nova Scotia early in his life to join the Canadian Air Force, Chesley served briefly, but made friends that led him to Toronto and a time in the entertainment industry as an actor and musician, most notably with the group "Chester and the Unknowns".

Residing in Toronto for the remainder of his life, he had a long career with The Hudson's Bay Company Queen St. store in sporting goods and housewares and in retirement at Yorkdale Ford as a driver. A life long sports fan, Chesley played hockey from a young age both in Sydney and Toronto, winning accolades with his many teams. His love of hockey and tennis both as a player and fan was a large part of his life and the source of much happiness.

His long friendships were another. His list of friends and acquaintances was long and he did his best to maintain them, whether it was in person, by phone or a card at Christmas.

Chesley is survived by his daughter, Krysta Azure Massey, his brothers Ben

and William Boucher, their children, Russell, Debbie and Terri and his best friend Ginnie Melling. To anyone with love in their heart for Chesley, thank you. He will be missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Krysta Massey lit a candle in memory of Chesley Boucher*

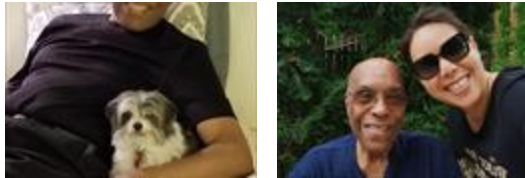


---

**Krysta Massey** - May 16 at 11:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



---

**Krysta Massey** - May 16 at 11:14 PM



“ *Such sad news. He was a delight to work with at Ford, and had the best jokes and stories. He is truly missed. My heartfelt condolences to his daughter and family.*

---

**Anne Johnstone** - March 03 at 04:01 PM



*Thank you Anne*

---

**Krysta Massey** - March 09 at 09:12 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bruce Wheaton - January 13 at 09:54 AM



Thanks Bruce

Krysta Massey - February 28 at 10:36 AM



“ I'll miss you very much Dad ❤️

Krysta Massey - January 11 at 08:05 PM

JC

“ So sad to see another icon of the pier leave our world. God speed Ches, I will cherish the autograph I bothered you so much for as a child. You will always be famous to me. Deepest condolences to Krysta, Ben, William, Russell, Debbie, Terri and Ginnie. He will be deeply missed by everyone.

Janice Crawford - January 10 at 03:03 PM



Thank you Janice

Krysta Massey - January 11 at 08:02 PM

LJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. That big smile will be missed as well those pepperoni kielbasa cheese platters you put together for those Sydney-Toronto meetings. RIP Lionel Ruck jr.*



---

**Lionel Ruck jr** - January 10 at 12:55 PM



*Thanks Lionel*

---

**Krysta Massey** - January 11 at 08:03 PM

AG

“ *Shared my youth with Ches in Sydney Cape Breton and connected with him again as an adult in Toronto. Just a great friend. Played Little League baseball with Ches in Sydney and in highschool joined him as a member of a harmony singing group known as the Edsels. A lifelong friend who's friendship I cherish to this day.*  
*Al (Satch) Gibson*

---

**Al (Satch) Gibson** - January 10 at 12:40 PM

CJ

*My sincere condolences to the Boucher family. Chesley will always be remembered as a good friend who always had a big smile and friendly spirit. He will be forever missed but never forgotten.*

*Carl Crawford Jr.*

---

**Carl Crawford Jr.** - January 10 at 02:51 PM

JD

*I grew up in the Pier in the 50's and 60's. I never had the pleasure of his company . I want to send my condolences to his family. We have many friends in common and I played and coached Little League in the Pier. Rest in peace sir.*

---

**Jay Duguid** - January 10 at 05:50 PM



*Thank you Satch, Carl and Jay*

---

**Krysta Massey** - January 11 at 08:04 PM

MQ

*I met Ches decades ago and I referred to him as a fellow Scotian and he corrected me and told me he was a Cape Bretoner. He came to our Caribana parties (Tim and myself), always had a kind word and usually had comments to add to any discussion. When he retired, we had a party for him at my place and I think we celebrated his birthday at the same time. He had so many friends and my little house was full of laughter. Such a wonderful human being whose name will continue to bring a smile.*

---

**Millie Quigley** - January 11 at 11:14 PM

AP

*My husband Al and I first met Ches at a party at Millie Quigley's, now close to 50 years ago. We liked him at first sight. Til this day, we remember a joke he told us that night but can't tell it with the same panache as Ches had. We were laughing all the way home. Ches often came out to our baseball games and for beer afterwards. Millie, Judith Christiani and I were diehard players. Ches was such a classy individual. His happy disposition and interesting conversation improved every get-together. Al and I want to send our sincere condolences to Ches' family. We're so sorry for your loss. He won't be soon forgotten by us.*

*Al and Marian Palumbo*

---

**Al & Marian Palumbo** - January 13 at 02:00 AM