



Clifford Percival Tremills

January 9, 2023

January 14, 1932 - January 9, 2023

On Monday January 9, 2023, Clifford Tremills passed away peacefully, just five days before his 91st birthday.

Clifford worked for TD Bank in Port Credit for several years before spending seven years at Huron College, where he met his wife, Mary Lou Barnes and obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree (1963). He was an Anglican Minister in Red Lake from 1963 - 66, then a high school teacher in Wiarton from 1966-1969 and Owen Sound (West Hill) from 1969 -1989. Born and raised in Port Credit, Clifford spent most of his adult years in Owen Sound, and a few years of retirement in London and Toronto.

Clifford was loving husband to Mary Lou Tremills (Barnes); cherished father of Mary Elizabeth Daellenbach aka MB (Chuck), Mark Tremills, all of Toronto, Robert Tremills aka Trey (Michelle) of Calgary area, Kathryn Tremills (Giles Tomkins); and loving grandfather to Chris Daellenbach (Brenna) of Toronto, Willis Daellenbach (Sophie) of Montreal, Conrad Redden and Wolfie Louise Tremills of the Calgary area and Benjamin Tomkins of Toronto. He is survived by his brothers Ralph of Orangeville, and Allan of Mount Forest, sister Elsie (Cherwaiko) of Lindsay and predeceased by his eldest sister Betty (Shaw); and parents Theodore and Gladys Tremills.

Clifford could be found outdoors walking, hiking, vegetable gardening, collecting sticks and wood to stoke the cottage fireplace, and building skating rinks in the backyard, as he loved nature and being in nature. With a very strong work ethic built by a necessary double paper route throughout elementary and high school, he never hesitated to shovel the snow or mow the lawn and enjoyed puttering, fixing things around the house and in later years, tinkering, as much as he loved a good card game, ping pong, billiards and golf. He loved to have fun with his kids, tickling, swinging them on his feet, pushing them on the swing set or creating his own human “swing set”, building snow piles to slide down, lifting and throwing them in the water and reading the comics and bedtime stories to them. He was always happy to see them return home and to listen to stories of their adventures. After they were in bed, papers were marked and classes prepped, He tirelessly drove his kids to various activities at all hours of the day, including 6am hockey practices and many hours to out-of-town music lessons.

A mound of dishes in the kitchen seemed no challenge that whistling and humming tunes couldn't help along. And he had a mean whistle out the front door when it was time to come home for dinner. When it came time to choose from the options of desserts, his answer was always “yes please”. He could fit anything and everything for the family of six into the trunk and drove through storms of every level. Roads closed in blizzards? No problem!

Some would call him quiet, but when he had something to say it was meaningful and thoughtful or full of humour when the right moment arose.

Clifford spent many hours writing letters to the editor trying to provide perspectives he believed to be underrepresented. He was an avid listener and compassionate appreciator, supporting the marginalized, underprivileged,

mistreated and misunderstood. He actively supported women's and Aboriginal rights and equality for all.

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to the staff of Shepherd Village Lodge 3rd floor, Scarborough, for their wonderful care during Cliff's 15-month residency.

Dearest family and friends,

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Clifford Tremills, our loving husband, father and friend who passed away peacefully on January 9, 2023.

We will celebrate and remember a life well lived. Please bring your fondest memories of Cliff to share with family and friends.

Celebration of Life

St George's Anglican Church - 1049 4th Ave E, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P7

Visitation: Thursday June 1, 2023 [4-6pm]

Visitation: Friday June 2, 2023 [1-2pm]

Celebration of Life: Friday June 2, 2023 [2pm]

Reception in the St George's Parish Hall to follow service

All family and friends are welcome.

*Feel free to forward this email on to others who may have been inadvertently missed.

*Both visitations and service are in the church

Livestream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/q9i5Kuw8ie8?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society in your area, Covenant House or jack.org supporting mental health.

<https://alzheimer.ca/on/en>

<https://alzheimer.ca/on/en/about-us/find-your-local-alzheimer-society>

Cliff's obituary can be found [here](#).

Love,

Mary Lou, MB, Mark, Trey and Kate

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto, Covenant House or jack.org supporting mental health.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. George's Anglican Church
1049 4th Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P7 (CA)

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It was interesting and moving to listen to the memorial service of Clifford Tremills. I met Cliff at Long Bow Lake Camp in the Diocese of Keewatin when he was a student minister and my father, Len Fryer, was a priest of the diocese and director of the camp. It was so interesting to hear how God used Cliff's love and gifts to serve others in so many ways. I feel honoured to have known this kind and gentle man. My condolences to Mary Lou and the family. Blessings, Elsie (Fryer) Millerd

Elsie Millerd - July 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ I didn't know Cliff well, but spent much time with Mary Lou and their wonderful family. I enjoyed reading Cliff's insightful letters to the editor of *The Sun Times*, which demonstrated he was a champion of human rights and stood with those who are under-represented or subject to discrimination. May Cliff rest in peace knowing he had a positive impact on those around him. My condolences to Mary Lou, Mark, MB, Trey, and Kathryn who will miss him but will always have fond memories.

Kathleen Finlay

Kathleen Finlay - January 24, 2023 at 06:56 PM

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Thank you, Kathleen. ❤️

Kate - January 31, 2023 at 11:54 AM

DM

That was a lovely service! What a perfect tribute to your Dad/Cliff. Beautiful singing and music. Trey's reflections were wonderful. Many other interesting memories also, from a life well-lived. I'll never forget Uncle Cliff's powerful handshake!

Thank you for sharing for those that couldn't be there.

Thinking of you all.

Debbie Tremills/McBride

Deborah S. McBride - June 02, 2023 at 04:17 PM