



## Mr. Desmond (Des) Joseph Lecourt

September 6, 2015

Lecourt, Desmond (Des) Joseph (Oct. 2, 1936 – Sept. 6, 2015)

Is now resting peacefully after a courageous battle. He passed Sunday evening at Toronto East General Hospital surrounded by loved ones. He will be dearly missed by his devoted wife of 55 years, Linda and children Debbie (Bill), Raymond (Colleen) and Chris. Grandpa will be lovingly remembered by Mishelle, Andrew and Karen. Survived by his siblings Wilfred (Shirley), Marie, Theresa (Mario) and Frank. He shall be affectionately remembered by his family and friends. Respectful of wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **25**. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Stan Wadlow Clubhouse (Senior's Lounge)  
373 Cedarvale Avenue  
Toronto, ON M4C 4K7 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



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**John J. Webber** - June 22, 2016 at 11:21 PM

JD

“ Desmond who, indeed!!!

*Unlike my brother Chris, I neither like nor disliked Des when I first met him. I don't recall being told his last name when we met, but I did find him a "suitable looking guy" for my sister to date. Contrary to what Chris said, I was sure that Des had a car when he first met Linda. That was rather borne out by the picture I have posted here of Des & Lin from 1959. All of the pictures I am posting today came to me courtesy of Deborah (Deb)*

*I vaguely recall going to Burleigh Falls with my two main "Bros" - Chris & Wally and vaguely remember him diving into the river and emerging about 1000 feet away. (Chris was a little off!) I do however, remember a time when I saw him in his "frogman" gear and thought that was pretty cool alright. I may be wrong, but I seem to recall a little roughhousing between Des and we Webber "3-amigos", where he pretended he was going to throw us in the river. A few years later, he was to throw me across his living room, which I'll explain later.*

*Like Chris mentioned, they both looked like movie stars when they were married in April 1960: Linda in her dazzling white wedding dress, looking indeed like (Princess) Grace Kelly, or her favourite actress - Natalie Wood; Des in his white sport coat and a white carnation. Wait - what? Surely Des was familiar with that Marty Robbins song from 1957. Maybe he just couldn't find a Pink carnation! Anyway, check out their wedding picture posted here, as well as their "movie star" head shot.*

*Before I get to the part where he threw me across his room, please ensure you see the picture of Des in his most Infamous "Rocky Marshmallow" picture taken in 1953. Check out those abs! Let me tell you, he was no longer an 80 lb weakling in the summer of 1964 when I visited them after completing my RCAF basic training. I was no longer a skinny kid either after beefing it up a bit for 10 weeks but Des seemed to think I was now a physical challenge now that I*

*was in uniform, so in his rough necking manner of kidding around, he did indeed pitch me across his living room in a friendly manner. It was a moment I never forgot. In 1969, I transferred over to the Army as I felt I had to toughen myself up.*

*In 1972, after having spent the past three years with the Signal Corps in Calgary, I once again popped in on Linda and Des in T.O., where Des once again tried to throw me. What I hadn't told him was that not only was I a lot tougher, but had learned a lot of unarmed combat skills, so it was with a great deal of anticipation that I waited for the inevitable Des and John "Ironman" contest and it was with a great deal of pleasure that I THREW HIM ACROSS THE ROOM. There were to be many more strength contests after that and we shared the championships many times over the years. Truthfully, I think Des threw me more times than I him. (well, maybe one more time)*

*Des, my brother-in-law became like a brother, just like Chris said and I sure miss him a lot. Better practice a lot up there Bro, because I'm coming for a rematch in about 21 years and if you can't take down a 95 year old, you best stop bragging.*

*One last thing, if you happen to be looking at this from above, my Bro-in-Law: I never told you this, but I would have fought a bear for you; Not a grizzly; or a brown bear; or a panda; but maybe like a "Care Bear"; or even "Winnie the Pooh". I'd have even "thrown " one of those sonsabitches across the room for you.*

*Hugs (but no throwing me)  
John*

*PICTURES WILL FOLLOW. RAN OUT OF ENERGY FOR NOW.  
(SEE TIME POSTED) PLEASE BE PATIENT*

KA

“ *Uncle Des was such a funny man with a great sense of humor. I have so many fond memories ,such as growing up going to the epic Canada day barbecues and family visits at uncle Des And aunt Linda's. And all of the practical jokes he usto do.*

*Miss you uncle Des  
Love from Kathleen and family*

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**Kathleen Allott** - May 19, 2016 at 06:56 AM

“ Desmond who ?!!

*I didn't like the man when I first met him. Who was he anyway? Trying to steal away our lovely Linda. What does he do? Where did he come from? What kind of a name is LeCourt? Why doesn't he have a car? Too smooth for me. Some kind of gigolo? How is he going to support Linda and raise a family doing painting and odd jobs in Rosedale? I don't like it, not a bit.*

*But, he wouldn't go away.*

*He turned out to be a pretty good guy; I think the turning point was when he took me, Johnny and Wally up to Burleigh Falls. Of course, he had to show off by diving into the rapids and surfacing about a hundred feet downstream. Pretty cool.*

*Then there was the wedding. He looked so dapper, like a movie star, in his white jacket and bow tie and Linda looking like Princess Grace.*

*After that there were fishing trips, raising a beautiful family and securing a home for all. All in the wink of an eye and a mere 55 years.*

*And so the guy I didn't like became like my brother.*

*I love you and miss you Desmond, and I hope you are catching some big ones up there in the Big Blue.*

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Chris - May 16, 2016 at 09:24 AM

JG

“ How very sad we were to receive the news that Desi had passed away,, We will always remember him for the dear friend he was, always there to lend a hand when needed, and with the sweetest smile and his jokes,, I never ever saw him angry or mad at anything he would just smile and walk away. Desi was your friend for life, we spent many happy times together with him and Linda at bowling dinner/dance and oh how he loved to dance, he was good and I would get him up on the floor to "Disco",, we went to tournaments with them too. I will miss you dear Desi, rest in peace,, my wonderful friend...

Love Jane Virgoe, son Rob Bosward,,

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Jane Giffen/Virgoe - November 13, 2015 at 03:28 PM

KA

“ Des was such a great man and our family will miss him dearly. We met Des just over 6 years ago when we moved into our first home on Glebemount ave. From day one, Des was a friendly, helpful and cheerful neighbour. His generosity was outstanding, always willing to lend a paint brush, ladder, tool and share a story.

Our boys Riley and Elliot miss Des too, especially Riley who remembers many hi-fives, chats in the front yard and the special presents Des would leave on our porch. Riley keeps the Marlies bobble head, Maple leafs flag and the (last gift) Ernie & Bert piggy banks in his room on display....and that's just to name a few.

Desmond's pride for his family and home shon as he often times (with a little smile) would tell us stories of Linda, his kids and grandkids. He was a gentle and caring soul, a good and honest man.

We are reminded of him and miss him everyday...we couldn't have asked for a better neighbour.

We hold a place in our hearts for Desmond.

Our condolences to Linda, Chris and the rest of the family.

Much love,

Krista, Ryan, Riley & Elliot Woilford

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**Krista Aquilina-Woilford** - November 10, 2015 at 08:42 PM

AN

“ Des was there when I moved across the street, so many years ago. Always ready to help, always ready with a joke, and a treat for my dog. I miss seeing him taking care of his “truck”, or tending his garden. Through a quick hello, or a lengthier conversation, over the years, my family and I got to know and appreciate him, his sense of humor, his positive outlook on life, and his charming smile.

To Linda, Chris and family, our sincere condolences.

“The white house across the street”

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**Anais** - September 21, 2015 at 07:05 AM

JW

“ So very many fond memories of you Des .from sitting on fallen trees in the forest eating brown paper bag lunches listening to the beagles howl in the distance as they flushed out the game.fishing on the bay Paradise. point .Painting in Rosedale Watching your incredible ability to dicker at the flea market. The times we shared a cup of coffee at the little restaurant on Woodbine when I worked out of the East York yard for the City.I learned so much from you. I feel blessed that you were a part. of my life.And I send my love to Linda Debbie Raymond Chris and Family. ....Jamie.

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**jamie webber** - September 18, 2015 at 09:59 PM

LK

“ From the tea times on the porch, to his fix it jobs at the cottage, I will always remember Des and his silly funny stories and the hottest chili on the planet! I wish him peace and much love to Linda, Deb, Ray and Chris. Xo

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**lori Kallay** - September 17, 2015 at 09:21 AM

AN

“ I remember sitting on the couch watching shows and listening to stories of all kinds and all the trinkets you would find and show me. I'm going to miss those times, unlike any othe, but most of all, I'm going to miss you Grampuff.

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**Andrew** - September 14, 2015 at 08:17 PM

LL

“ Des, after a long and courageous battle you are finally at rest. You've left me with the greatest gift of all, our three kids. Always in my heart, miss you, Linda

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**Linda Lecourt** - September 14, 2015 at 07:46 PM

CL

“ *Dad, the Jays are winning for you, wish you were here, love Chris*

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**Chris Lecourt** - September 14, 2015 at 07:42 PM

TC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Linda and family, and from your sister Theresa fond memories of our last visit together as we shared some great family stories. Oh! How you made me laugh. Always in my prayers. Rest In Peace. God Bless Theresa and the Colacci family*

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**Theresa Colacci** - September 14, 2015 at 04:41 PM

MI

“ *My memories of Grandpa are always ones of happiness and laughter. As a kid he would always bring me coins for my collection and would always have a new and interesting item to share with us from his times in Rosedale. As I became older, I quickly learned that my sense of humour not only stemmed from Father, but through the deeper roots of my Grandfather. As quick as he was to pull my leg, I would joke with him right back. He would always respond to my teasing by placing a fist in the air; letting me know he was "unimpressed" yet impressed with my quick wit. I will always remember him sitting in his favourite chair, watching western movies on tv and how he kept pictures of us in his wallet. He will be greatly missed<3*

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**michelle** - September 12, 2015 at 02:41 PM

NT

“ I remember going to your house on Cosburn after school and having tea with you. Your dad was always tinkering with something. Always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. Love and Hugs  
Nancy

Nancy Taylor - September 12, 2015 at 12:18 PM

MR

“ In loving memory of my brother Desmond. We shared our childhood memories of years that have passed us by. Yours will always be remembered with a tear and then a smile.  
Your loving sister Marie De Rosie  
RIP xox

Marie De Rosie - September 11, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DE

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Deborah - September 10, 2015 at 09:25 PM

JD

Desmond Lecourt

jdwebber@shaw.ca - June 20, 2016 at 02:28 AM

EI

It's hard to believe it's been eight years you have been gone. I want to thank you again for helping me to move my things to the Island. Loved your hound Prince. Linda and I lived on the same street for years and remained friends. It was a surprise when my brother knew your sister what a small world.

Eleta |Pulis - October 29, 2023 at 05:17 PM

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**Deborah** - September 10, 2015 at 09:23 PM

RL

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**Raymond Lecourt** - September 09, 2015 at 05:54 PM