



Mr. Donald (Don) Kenneth Pearce

July 27, 2017

It is with great sadness that the family of Don PEARCE announce his passing at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Thursday July 27th, 2017, at the age of 77. Don will forever be remembered in the hearts of his family. Cherished husband of Theresa (nee Kluke). Beloved Step Father to Donnamarie (Tom), Jeffrey (Rhonda), Robert (Sue), Maureen (Joe). Admired proud and loving Step-Grandfather to Philip (Liberty), Robbie (Ashley), Victoria, Sarah, Stephanie (Mike), Kimberly (Devyn), Alicia and Maddie. Step-Great Grandfather to Sophie and Ava. Don was pre-deceased by his parents David and Winnifred (Joan) Pearce and twin brother David. Affectionately remembered by his brother Jim, sister Jean, and Susan, Donna and David. Don came to Canada from London England in May 1962 and became a Canadian citizen in 2008. Don was a long time referee with the Ontario Soccer League. He was very passionate and enjoyed refereeing immensely. He will be greatly missed by all his friends in the League and by all his friends at Home Depot. Don was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan and was hoping to see another Stanley Cup this coming season. Don has been in trusted to AfterCare Cremation and Burial Service. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 133 Brock St. N, Whitby, L1N 4H3 (Brock St. N, north of Hwy. 2) on August 20th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Donations to Cancer Research

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street North
Whitby, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

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“ *Don you will be missed dearly by all your Home Depot friends and family, rest in peace our friend and deepest condolences to your family*

tracy skelton - August 16, 2017 at 05:37 PM

“ Hello friends and family. As many of you know I am the family record keeper – a genealogist. Why do I pursue our family history and genealogy?

In a nutshell, it is important to me that my children know where we came from, the struggles our ancestors overcame so that we even exist today; a bit about their culture and heritage, and sometimes even why they look like they do. Ever hear of the ‘Kluke nose’ or the ‘Shettell long toe’. This is some of the fun stuff – who can roll their tongue, who has a hitch-hiker thumb; are earlobes attached or not; who has the same blood group – stuff to talk about at the dinner table or reunion.

It is an exciting time now in genealogy as we can do DNA testing to more precisely pinpoint our places of origin; find long lost relatives; maybe a biological parent; find out if we can taste bitter and so much more.

Families have changed; no longer is it just mom and dad and children. In our families, we had brothers marrying sisters, uncles who are now fathers; cousins marrying cousins. We have same sex parents; step-parents; half-siblings. Genealogy programmes have not caught up to the times but we do our best to recognise everyone as best we can.

Let us not forget members of our families who are not related by blood but by love. My daughters were fortunate to have such a person as Dorothy in their lives. Dorothy taught them to make Irish Soda Bread and Lemon meringue pie. They would go over in their pjs for pajama parties. As far as they were concerned she was their grandmother who was there for parties, outings, school performances, and graduation. Dorothy ensured the girls knew they were loved and were very special to her. When she passed away, Victoria and Sarah placed a grandmother wreath at her gravesite to honour this relationship. To quote a colleague, Dorothy was a “Grandmother of the Heart”

The Holt, Kluke, and McLellan families have lost Donald Pearce – a “Father and Grandfather, and brother-in-law of the Heart”. Don has been with our family for over 28 years. During that time, he has become a father figure to some, a grandfather to others. He has beguiled them with tales of England; his early life, and surprised them by “removing his finger”

Unfortunately, Don was estranged from his own family for many years. He tried to include them in his lives but they resisted. He fully adopted all of us as his family. We were his children, his grandchildren, his sister, or brother. He showed interest in all of us. How lucky my children and my nieces and nephews were to have an extra grandfather in their lives! Kind of like royalty – wouldn't you say? – an heir and a spare! I hope everyone has that extra special person in their lives!

I must add that I am so impressed with Donna, Jeff, Rob, Maureen, Elena, and David. It is quite a credit to them that they consider themselves brothers and sisters – not half siblings. They didn't have step-parents, just parents. In times of need, they know they can call on each other for support.

Life is much richer when love comes from many directions!

Thank you Donald, and yes it wasn't just his mum who called him that – for enriching the lives of all our families.

May you rest in peace.

Rhonda

Rhonda - August 12, 2017 at 10:18 AM

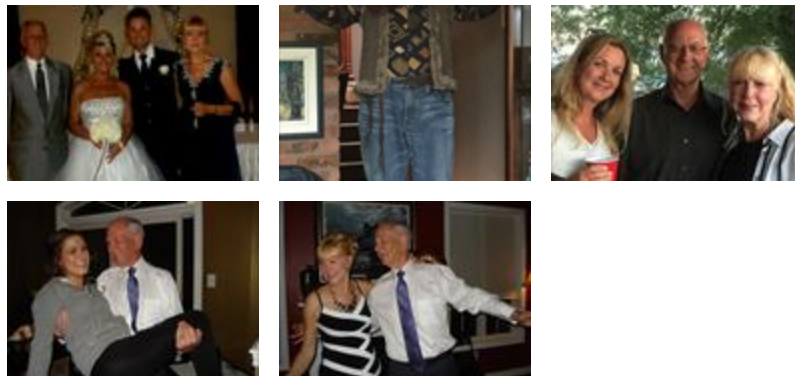
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“ On behalf of the entire Scarborough Soccer Community I extend our prayers and condolences to Don's family and friends. Don was always a gentleman both on and off the field of play. I knew him only through his work in soccer but considered him a friend, a true professional and a kind and caring individual. He was also a man of faith whom I'm sure is enjoying the heavenly home prepared for him by his heavenly Father. I think it a life well lived if you leave the world a little better than you found it and your friends and colleagues missing you. Both can be said of Don. Eternal rest grant unto you, dear friend, and know that while you are missed we are grateful for your legacy, for having known you, and for your being called home after a race well run. May the blessings you bestowed on your family be a source of comfort to them as they mourn your passing and may they find courage in their faith which affirms so clearly the Resurrection,
Jim Barnes - President, Scarborough Soccer Association

Jim Barnes - August 02, 2017 at 08:50 PM

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Maureen McLellan - August 01, 2017 at 09:47 AM

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“ I knew Don through refereeing. He was a very good referee but also a fine , personable man with a passion for the sport and a compassion for those who shared the game with him. Sincere condolences to the Pearce family.

Ian Cooke - July 31, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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“ As students of Theresa we got to see Don at least once a week. What a teaser! He was boldly outrageous, with such a dry wit -- English to his core! I wish I'd had more time with him, but glad for the one year, where my sister and I always looked forward to his teasing and kindness -- and, for my sister Ailsa, sharing a beer in the garden. Oh, I did I mention he made a hell of a good cuppa (tea, of course!) !!

Terri Spanjer - July 30, 2017 at 12:40 PM