



Earl (Buzz) George Melanson

September 18, 2024

Earl (Buzz) Melanson, 90, of Oshawa, passed away on September 18, 2024.

Buzz was born on May 7, 1934, to Walter and Ida Melanson in Kapuskasing, Ontario. Buzz spent many happy years in 'Kap' with his family and playing hockey as #17, before moving to Toronto where he worked as a mechanical engineer for a corporate property management company.

Buzz retired in 1998, but he never sat still. He spent his time golfing (practically seven days a week!), cheering on Liverpool FC, doing the daily Sudoku in the morning paper, enjoying good conversations with friends over a pint of Guinness, spending time in his backyard gazebo listening to Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart and Paddy Reilly's "The Fields of Athenry" and vacationing in Ireland – his absolute favourite place on earth.

Buzz was predeceased by his parents, his brother Robert Melanson and his sister Jean Contant (nee Melanson). He is survived by his wife Joan (nee Rooney), his brother Harold (Judy), his children Hope, Pat, Laurie (Gary) and Darren (Shantelle), his stepchildren Fiona and Karen (Todd) and the absolute joys of his life, his grandchildren T'mikah, M'kaylah, Bronson, Noah, Easton, Peyton, Carter, Brody, Evan and his great grandchildren Léo and Memphis.

Buzz was an exceptional man – kind, loving and generous – and will be

greatly missed by all who knew him. Everywhere Buzz went, someone was sure to be yelling out his name, greeting him as they would a best friend that they've known all their life. One of the last things he shared with his family was, "I have really great friends," but we were the lucky ones to have found such a great friend in him.

A private celebration of life will be held for Buzz's immediate family. If you would like to celebrate Buzz, his passion for education and his love of golf, the family has established the Buzz Melanson Memorial Golf Scholarship at Ontario Tech University and welcome your donations to ensure his legacy lives on.

<https://giving.ontariotechu.ca/ways-to-give/buzz-melanson.php>

Cheers to you Buzz, to a life well lived and to a man who loved well.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ *When Joan and Buzz spent holidays in Ireland, it was known for us to play golf and have several pints of Guinness in Ballinteer House. What a Man!!!
It was a privilege to call him Friend.
Rest in Peace, Buzz.*

Colm and O'BRIEN Family. Ireland

Colm O'Brien - September 25, 2024 at 07:31 AM

PW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Buzz's passing. He was a fun, caring, happy character and we will miss him so much. Liverpool games won't be quite the same without him. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Pauline and Ian Wilson*

Pauline and Ian Wilson - September 21, 2024 at 01:00 PM

MN

“ *So sorry to hear of Buzz's passing.. He was an awesome friend and a joy to be around.. He will be truly missed.Our prayers and thoughts are with Joan and Family..R.I.P. Love the Noonan Family.*

Mary Lou Noonan - September 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DG

“ *My Godfather and the coolest man I ever knew. Uncle Buzz was a legend to me. I grew up listening to war songs in my parents home. I didn't know there was any other music in the world until Uncle Buzzy took me on a ride in his red convertible down Yonge Street in Toronto! My favorite song of all time that Uncle Buzzy had playing in his car was “Groovy kind of Love” I play this song all the time and think of Buzzy! Hoping you are breaking par on Heavens golf course!*

<https://youtu.be/jinZMqbS29M> Mindbenders version ... the best!

David W. Gourlay - September 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

DQ

“ *Sending our deepest condolences and love from Dublin Ireland. We will never forget Buzz and the kindness and love he showed to my brother Conor O'Brien and to the rest of my family. Buzz was such a character and such a kind loving gentleman. Sending our love to Joan and all the family*

Dervila Quinn - September 20, 2024 at 05:37 AM

EA

I always remember Uncle Bussy being really great with us when we were all kids 😊

Eric Avery - September 21, 2024 at 12:41 PM