



Ernest Kinnersly

June 18, 2024

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Ernest Kinnersly surrounded by family after a lengthy and courageous battle with dementia. He is survived by his three children Jeff (Maureen), Linda (Bruce) and David (Wei) and his devoted wife Joan of 68 years who lovingly cared for him through to his final days as his dementia progressed. Papa (Poppa) to 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, Uncle Erinie to 28 nieces and nephews.

Having lost his own father at a young age he left school prematurely to provide for his 3 siblings Noreen, Anne and Derek and his mother Sarah Nora. This no doubt contributed to his nurturing and generous personality. He would give you the shirt off his back, secretly stuff treats in his grandkids pockets and up to his final time always offer to share the food off his own plate.

He moved homes extensively through his early days ultimately settling in Scarborough where he raised his family. He worked his way up at the Scarborough Public Utilities from general labourer to backhoe operator and finally to supervising foreman of all the new water main installations in Scarborough. Taking a sick day was a rarity as his work ethic and good health would not allow it.

Affectionately known as “the kid magnet” he spent countless hours with his seven grandchildren under precariously propped up homemade tents, sipping

imaginary tea from miniature plastic cups and “playing” camping on the driveway in his VW camper van.

He embraced “vanlife” before it was trendy having bought a 1991 Westfalia on a whim, as was his style. Ernie and Joan roadtripped extensively in the US and Canada making a yearly trek to Myrtle beach to enjoy the company of a growing group of friends and taking an epic month long trip to Newfoundland.

He was an avid sports fan and hobbyist with the ability to fix anything needing fixing or inventing gadgets to solve any problems arising. He was a lifelong tennis player having played at Tam Heather, especially enjoying his weekly Sunday morning games with the tennis guys AKA the choirboys and his son David. He also took on scuba diving and played baseball. He spent many years as a fine woodworker patiently passing on his skills to his daughter Linda and could often be found in the workshop with his grandchildren on stools building tiny birdhouses Following a deep dive into his ancestry by his son Jeff, they traveled together to England to explore his roots. Never being one to read instructions or ask for directions he had the uncanny ability to give solid advice nonetheless.

He was fiercely loved by his 7 grandchildren Erin (Yohann), Alana (Mark), Ali (John), Graeme, Lucas, Ella and Charlie and made lasting impressions on anyone lucky enough to cross his path. On June 4 he became a great grandfather for the first time upon the birth of his namesake Rory Ernest.

A special thank you to the caregivers at Seven Oaks Long Term Care 2nd floor for their loving care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers please eat your dessert first as finishing your meal prior was never a rule.

A celebration of Ernie's (Papa/Poppa) life will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ While we were neighbours on Pineslope Crescent for many years, my main interaction with Ernie was on the tennis courts at Tam Heather over the fall of 2016 playing Seniors Tennis. In later years, he and Joan would go for a walk past our house, stopping for a brief update on world events. Jeannette and I send Joan and the entire Kinnersly family our deepest condolences.
Kevin and Jeannette Balgopal

Kevin Balgopal - June 25, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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“ My memories of uncle Ernie are mostly from my childhood. We would drive from Sarnia to Toronto every summer to see the Kinnersly family. I remember Ernie as a man who loved and took care of his family; one who loved working with wood and an avid tennis player well into his final years.
He will be missed by many including me.
Robert(Bob) Emberley

Robert (Bob) Emberley - June 20, 2024 at 08:18 AM

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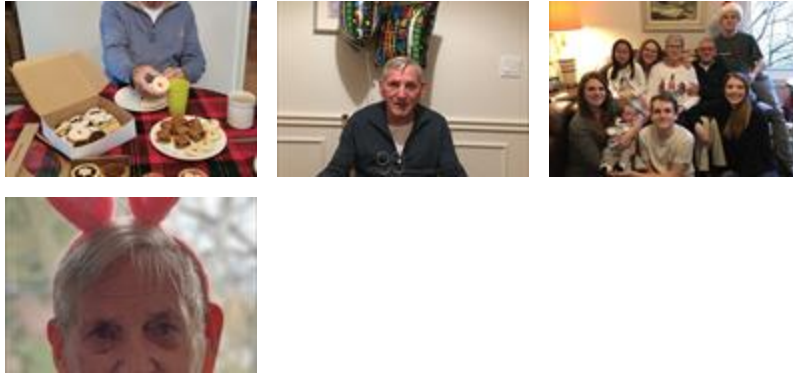
“ Bella Aitken lit a candle in memory of Ernest Kinnersly



Bella Aitken - June 19, 2024 at 09:36 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Papa/Dad



Linda Cannon - June 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Uncle Ernie was my Mom's oldest brother (Ann). She loved him dearly. He took on the role at an early age to support the family after our grandfather's passing. In all the years I have the fondest memories of him. He was good man. The last time I saw him the dementia had begun to take effect on him. But he was still the kind, sweet Uncle he had always been. I can just imagine the reunion that is happening just now!

Julie Gali - June 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM



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Julie Gali - June 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM



Uncle Ernie made this for my Mom's cottage.

Julie Gali - June 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM



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Julie Gali - June 19, 2024 at 03:32 PM



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Terri Garbutt - June 19, 2024 at 03:25 PM