



Mr. Garrick Earl DeGeer

April 5, 2016

Garry passed peacefully at Bridgepoint Healthcare in Toronto on Tuesday, April 5th. The family suspects the timing was to ensure he avoided this year's birthday celebration. Loving son of Vern and Margaret (Brooks) DeGeer. Beloved husband of Patricia (Miller). Loving father of D'Arcy (Lynn) and Dana (Jim Leavens). Cherished by his grandchildren, Trevor and Lisa. He was simply known to all as Garry! Garry enjoyed an illustrious 57-year career with Murray and Company, a real estate financing brokerage firm. He worked across Canada representing clients in an exemplary fashion, always focusing on their needs. Garry gained a national reputation for outstanding dedication, energy, service, perseverance, success and personal humility. He liked people and was always interested in the lives of others. He enjoyed and respected all those he worked with, both inside and outside of the company, and they did the same in return. Recognized as a true gentleman and a quiet leader in the industry, he led by example. Garry was long time member of Alpine Ski Club and Islington Golf Club, each for over forty years. He had an unquenchable thirst for life, cycling became his passion. His last bike ride was a gift, on Christmas Day 2015 in Collingwood and last ski runs were with Dana in Banff on February 26, 2016. To have those around him participate in any activity was his ultimate joy. Garry and Pat loved to travel the world together and were lucky enough to have seen more from their bikes than most of us could imagine. He touched and inspired family, colleagues and friends in business and in life. Every time we raise a glass of red wine, we will think of you Garry -

Thanks for taking us along, it was a heck of a ride - Cheers. A simple gathering to celebrate his life will be held on April 18, 2016, at Islington Golf Club from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. 45 Riverbank Drive in Etobicoke.

www.islidingtongolfclub.com

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Garry's memory to: Bridgepoint Health at www.bridgepointhealth.ca or Mavencare Senior Home Services through www.memorylossfoundation.ca

Two wonderful organizations that were a great help to our family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Islington Golf Club
45 Riverbank Drive
Toronto, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Condolences to the DeGeer family. Garry was such a gentleman and true pleasure to deal with for so many years.*

Richard Baillie - April 18, 2016 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Degeer family. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time. Take care of each other,*

Dominic Cooke - April 18, 2016 at 11:04 AM

NB

“ *Sending mountains of love and hugs.*

Nancy & Bob - Banff - April 15, 2016 at 09:19 PM

GS

“ *Garry was a true gentleman with a ready smile. We always "argued" about whether our first names should be spelled with 1 r or 2. Neither of us won the argument. Pat--Susie and I offer our deepest condolences to you and your family--Gary Siskind*

Gary Siskind - April 14, 2016 at 03:20 PM

SM

“ Growing up on Strath Avenue in Toronto, it was a wonderful day when my new friend Dana moved in across the road with her brother D'Arcy and parents Pat and Garry.
To know Garry was to love him! He was a gem of a human being and we girls of Strath Avenue thought that Dana was the luckiest girl in the world to have Garry as her Dad! Garry and Pat introduced me to restaurants, movies, Cat Stevens, Nana Mouskouri, wine, slope-side lunches, love, laughter and fun. All who had the privilege of knowing and being known by Garry are blessed indeed. Hugs to his dear ones who are feeling his loss so profoundly at this time.

Susan (Adams) Murray - April 13, 2016 at 08:37 PM

JN

“ My first job was with Canmort and Garry was one of the first people I was introduced to at Murray and Co back in the early 1970's including Ian Ross, and Bob Shales. Over the years I've known Garry he was an example for our industry. My best to his entire family at this time.

Condolences
Jan Normandale

Jan Normandale - April 12, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Garry family. Found memories of Garry.
Tino Masecchia

Tino Masecchia - April 12, 2016 at 01:40 PM

MA

“ I would like to send my condolences to Pat and all the family. We always knew Garrick as Gary. I am one of the many people who can confirm that Gary was a wonderful human being. In addition to being a “really nice guy” he was a person who went out of his way to help others.

I concur with all the reviews in his obituary. I would also like to extend a more personal note of gratitude for a gift of wonderful thoughtfulness which Gary gave to my husband and me. It was one of those things that made a difference in our life, and I will never forget it.

Margaret Agnelli - April 11, 2016 at 01:13 PM

DA

“ I have fond memories growing up across the street from Garry, Pat, Darcy and Dana. I never got around to calling him "Garry", even in my adult years but "Mr. DeGeer" was always very interesting and engaging. Moreover he always seemed to take a real interest in who I was and what I was doing as I grew from a introverted neighbourhood kid into an adult.

Julie and I are thinking of you all in your time of loss.

David Adams

David Adams - April 11, 2016 at 05:42 AM

KC

“ I have worked with Garry's son D'Arcy for 30 years and i have had the pleasure of meeting his parents on a few occasions. Some of the greatest conversations that D'Arcy and I shared revolved around the trips that Garry and Pat had taken or were planning to take. I could see the pride in his eyes as he spoke of his Fathers passion for adventure and his zest for life that took him on trips that definitely strayed from the ordinary.

My deepest sympathy to his family.

Kelly Crossman

kelly crossman - April 10, 2016 at 07:27 PM

LL

“ We have fond memories of biking with Garry and Pat in France, Italy, China and Niagara wine country. Garry's sense of humour always added to the enjoyment of these outings, and we never failed to be impressed by his ability to bike the longer routes while still connecting with local people and culture. Our deepest sympathy to Pat and the family.

Lori Labatt and Helen Lamont

Lori Labatt - April 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

IG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Garry many years ago when I was in the mortgage business with a couple of Trust Companies. I seem to recall playing squash with him,also.

He gave me a Cross pen and pencil set one Christmas,which I still use to this day.Whenever I put them in my jacket Garry still comes to mind.

He was a true gentleman in many ways.

My condolences to his family.

Ian Gemmell

Ian Gemmell - April 09, 2016 at 03:55 PM

PM

“ I am a friend of Garry's brother, Derik DeGeer who lives down the street from me and I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Garry's I have never met Garry but his brother had shared a lot about Garry with me . I am sorry for your loss.

Paul De Marsh

Paul De Marsh - April 09, 2016 at 12:33 PM

VB

“ Deepest condolences to you Patti, Dana,and Darcy, on the sudden loss of your loving husband and father ..Have enjoyed our friendship, and Gary's great sense of humor over the past 60 years, he will be missed by his many friends

victor burt - April 09, 2016 at 11:33 AM

JC

“ *On behalf of mavencare, we are very sorry for your loss and you are in our memory as a wonderful family who did all they could during these difficult times.*

Best wishes James

James Cohen - April 09, 2016 at 09:59 AM

DD

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D'Arcy DeGeer - April 08, 2016 at 03:57 PM