



Geddes Chimming

July 6, 2024

November 6, 1939 – July 6, 2024

Geddes was the third child born to Vivian and Alvin, in Port of Spain, Trinidad. With eight sisters and brothers, there was always mischief for him to get into. He has often recounted the story of jumping onto a racehorse bareback without knowing how to ride. Aside from falling off horses, his many pastimes, over the years, have included: playing mas; photography; keeping fish; tinkering with electronics; and frustrating his father by trying to learn to play steel pan.

In his early 20s, Geddes married his sweetheart Shirley. They had two children, Anthony and Sharon. Geddes moved to Canada in his early 30s, yet Trinidad was always "home" in his heart. His annual Carnival jump up in Trinidad became an annual Caribana jump up in Toronto, and he sometimes hopped onto his motorcycle to drive to Montreal and St. Catharines to jump up again! After Shirley passed, at an unexpectedly young age, Geddes made a home with Hyacinth, who has since preceded him.

Later in life, Geddes was diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder which lead to progressing challenges. He was a strong fighter and he regained lost skills many times, only to lose them again and start over. Nevertheless, he squeezed as much out of life as he could. He held onto his independence as

long as possible. He continued to raise fish and flowers, to make and entertain friends, to help neighbours fix their TVs, and to shop at flea markets. After moving to Taunton Mills long term care home, in 2014, he participated in arts, exercise, entertainment and religious activities. There he met Ellie who became his constant companion. He was greatly saddened when Ellie passed over, and he followed closely behind her.

In his last days, Geddes was kept comfortable by the dedicated and caring staff at Taunton Mills to whom his family is deeply grateful. Listening to hymns and prayers with his children and with chaplain Rob, Geddes prepared for his journey, to the other side, with God on his mind. In the early morning, on July 6, he crossed over to join Vivian and Alvin, siblings (Rosemarie, Pamela, Francis, Stanley, William, Joan, Yvonne), Shirley, Hyacinth, Ellie, and his Heavenly Father. He is survived by his children, his sister Glenda, and his nieces and nephews in the US and Trinidad.

FUNERAL SERVICE: A funeral service will be held on Friday August 9, 2:00pm, in the chapel at The Village of Taunton Mills Retirement Home, 3800 Brock St. N., Whitby. (Park at the entrance off of Timber Mill Avenue, and where there is available street parking if lot is full.) Light refreshments will follow from 2:30pm-4:00pm. If you plan to attend the funeral services or the gathering afterwards, please contact geddesfuneralattendance@yahoo.com with number of people attending.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to may donate in Geddes' memory to Tropicana Community Services or to the Brain Injury Association of Durham.

Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out to Geddes’ family ❤️

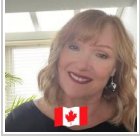
Geddes was a truly wonderful man who made my Nana’s stay at the Village warm and happy. As soon as we put them together to enjoy each other’s company, my Nana would smile from ear to ear and reach for Geddes hand to hold. We are so fortunate to have met Geddes and had him and his family become an integral part of our lives. He brought us a sense of comfort, as we knew Nana had a friend and partner. We will miss our ‘Grandpa Geddes’ very much and we wish him and his family peace and love.

Kendra Coulson - August 08, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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“ Geddes was an amazing person who showed compassion and loyalty to his friends and family. I always looked forward to visiting my Nana Ellie as I knew Geddes would also be by her side cheering her up. One of my fondest memories with Geddes is when my Nana told me one time when I came to visit her, that Geddes was her boyfriend; Geddes blushed and laughed and I couldn’t help but smile as well. I also asked Geddes if we (myself and my cousins) could call him Grandpa and he said “sure” with a kind smile. Thank you for all that you did Geddes. You will be missed.

Harper Coulson - August 08, 2024 at 09:51 PM



“ *Geddy, what a warm and wonderful man and a pure Godsend to our mother Ellie. Before she met Geddy she was restless and lonely living at the villages, but with his companionship and kindness, she became content, calm and happy. Geddy was patient, gentle and could calm her like nobody else. We were so saddened to hear of his passing. Thank you Geddes Chimming, you were such a gentleman and wonderful companion to our mother and member of our family.*

With love,

Valerie Singer-Battler and Family



Valerie Singer - July 23, 2024 at 09:04 AM

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Valerie. Thank you for your lovely tribute to Dad. Ellie's loving and devoted companionship was such a positive in Dad's life.

Sharon Chimming - July 31, 2024 at 04:08 PM

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Sharon Chiming - July 21, 2024 at 01:55 PM

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“Geddes was a great companion to my nana when she moved into her home. He was so kind, and always so heartfelt towards the family. I started calling him Grandpa Geddes because he became someone I was so fond of. I will miss him and his stories, and his gentle laugh.
Rest well Geddes, tell nana I say hi 🍷

Emily Battler - July 21, 2024 at 12:51 PM

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“Geddes was a gentle, sweet soul who was a wonderful, attentive companion to our mother - Ellie. They became soulmates soon after my mother arrived at The Village. My mother having Geddes gave us such peace of mind. Geddes was always sweet and kind and became part of our family. The grandkids were very fond of him as well, calling him “Grandpa Geddes”. We were so upset to hear that Geddes passed so soon after our mom. Thanks to Sharon for keeping us connected to Geddes after our mom passed and for blending the families together with us. I’m glad Ellie and Geddes had each other.
Love,
Cheryl, Rich, Kendra, Harper & Phyllis 🌸



Cheryl - July 17, 2024 at 07:58 AM

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Likewise. We are grateful that Dad had joined such a lovely, warm-hearted family. Knowing that Ellie was by Dad's side each day gave us much comfort. May they be holding hands again on the other side.

Sharon Chiming - July 21, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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Sharon Chiming - July 11, 2024 at 11:12 PM

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Sharon Chimming - July 11, 2024 at 07:41 PM

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Sharon Chimming - July 11, 2024 at 05:13 PM

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Sharon Chimning - July 11, 2024 at 05:04 PM