



## George Emile Hopcraft

March 4, 2020

HOPCRAFT, George. On March 4, 2020 George passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease, when pneumonia took away his last breath.

He is survived by his loving wife Marg and beautiful daughter Marcia (Alex). Also survived by siblings Louise, Irene (Doug), Louis, Gilbert, Jeannette (Larry) and John (Charlene), loving sisters-in-laws Linda and Marie. Predeceased by mother Mathilde Richard, father Albert Hopcraft, sister, Helene and brothers Paul and Arthur.

George was born in St.Malo, a small French town in southern Manitoba. As a young teen his family moved to Winnipeg where he met his girlfriend Marg, affectionately known as Maggie. They later moved to Toronto, married and had their only child Marcia. They bought their East York bungalow in 1980 where he proved his excellent handy man skills and enjoyed his family life. He was a loving father and husband, and the rock to Maggie.

His career life went from modeling when he was 18 at Winnipeg's National Clothing Co. to Toronto's Cocoa Cola Head Office, Rothmans, Lotus, Toyota and other various computer positions and lastly, to his favorite: Senior Courtroom Deputy at Toronto's Superior Court of Justice.

He was a member of the Toronto Police Community Liaison Program and served as Executive on the Topham Park Homeowners Association. He enjoyed being a member at Avonlea Curling Club and East York Curling Club as well as a long-time member of Whitevale Golf Course.

He loved to vacation and travel everywhere and would go back to the province where he was born every year. He was a gentle caring soul who loved music, the outdoors and babies and animals. He had a serious side and a playful side with an excellent sense of humour. He enjoyed having a friendly beer and joking around with friends. But most of all, he loved his family.

Thank you to staff at Providence Adult Day program, Toronto Rehab Institute and Mt Sinai Hospital who helped us through his journey.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Society. Help find a cure for this cruel disease.

Funeral service will be rescheduled at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of George’s passing. I worked with George at AT&T Canada for several years, He was a very nice person with great personality, just heard this sad news, Rest In Peace George.  
Javad

javad - November 21, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Its been 3 years now and I am still missing you. Things you said or did can still make me smile; we were so good together. I just love you so much. xox Marg



Maggie Kay - March 04, 2023 at 12:12 AM

FR

“ I am so sorry to hear of George’s passing. I worked with George at AT&T Canada in the early 2000’s. Even though we were younger than him, George took us under his wings by sharing his stories and experiences from working at Rothmans and Toyota. I fondly recall his stories of playing the lottery for many years, and how he continued to play with the same group of people for decades. Thank you for the great memories, George. Rest well my friend. Fred

Fred - November 19, 2022 at 02:14 AM

MH

“ Due to the Covid 19 outbreak, we were finally able to bury George on June 6, 2020. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens Toronto. May you rest in peace. I love you forever. Marg

Margaret hopcraft - June 30, 2020 at 08:09 PM

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**marg hopcraft** - June 30, 2020 at 08:04 PM

“ Marg/Marcia,

*I know it must be very difficult right now for the two of you. Marg definitely married "Mister Right" and enjoyed over 50 years with him through thick and thin. Marcia you're lucky to have had such a wonderful dad who made for a good role model and it seemed he never lost his temper, but could express disapproval when warranted.*

*I've known George since I was 8 years old when he and Marg started dating and looked up to him over the years as a role model. My other role model and surrogate father was the actor Fred McMurray on the TV show "My Three Sons" and there were similarities between them. One thing I remember about George I copied was to carry a pen and notepad with me, which I still do to this day, despite the mobile electronic devices I own. It's still just quicker and easier to write it down.*

*When the Alzheimer's began to steal him away from us it just broke my heart. Never has something so insidious happened to someone so undeserving. It seems the whole Hopcraft family has suffered repeated tragedies they didn't deserve. I can only hope that their descendants fair much better and fondly remember their ancestors. I know I'll always remember George with great fondness and love.*

*Since I moved to Toronto in 1980 Marg & George kept a watchful eye on me from a distance as I struggled to make my way and establish myself in "the big city". Their kindness and generosity kept me going. I was always welcome into their home and got to watch Marcia grow up. In my first few years here on Christmas Eve when they hosted their great parties George I would get hammered on Black Russians and suffered for it the next morning while watching a very young Marcia open presents. That's just one of many fond memories I have of him. There is so much more to say, but you get the gist of how I'm feeling.*

*If either of you need anything remember I can always be relied upon to help. I owe you all a huge debt of gratitude.*

*Most sincerely,  
Harvey*



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**Harvey Kay** - March 10, 2020 at 03:43 PM

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*We remember the days and evening George and I sat in front of the Parliament grounds in Winnipeg. If you look really close, you will see us sitting watching the water fountains. That picture was taken in 1964 and accompanied the Winnipeg Free Press in their Christmas edition. Mom kept the original postcard for us and it was always a favorite of George's. Thank you for remembering. Marg*

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**Margaret Hopcraft** - April 11, 2020 at 04:02 PM

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*George will be laid to rest on our anniversary June 6, 2020 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens on Scarborough. May he rest in peace*

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**marg hopcraft** - May 30, 2020 at 12:43 AM