



## Gordon Reed Wilton

June 22, 2025

We are saddened to announce that Gordon Reed Wilton, born April 25 1932, passed away peacefully in his sleep June 22, 2025 at the age of 93

Gord was predeceased by his wife, Mary Wilton (nee Barke) the love of his life.

He is survived by his sister Marguerite and predeceased by sister Bernice (Howard) and brother Wesley (Terri).

Gord was the loving father to his children, Russell, Kenneth (Patti) and Sylvia (Mark) and he will be missed terribly by them

Gordie was the proud grandfather to Caitlin, Heather, Leanne, Sharon, Devon, Jennifer, Grayden and Tait and they will miss his care and constant interest he showed in their lives.

He will be missed and remembered fondly by his lifelong friends and their extended families and his many nieces and nephews.

Gord was born in Toronto. A challenging home environment had him move out on his own at the age of 14 and get a job as a copy boy at the Toronto Star. His work ethic never faltered and he was always thinking of interesting ideas

and finding ways to improve life for Mary and his family.

He had many adventures in his long life; beginning with moving to BC to work as a logger at the age of 18, to building a 14' sailboat in the basement of their newly acquired home in Etobicoke, to staking mining claims in northern Manitoba. Gord was a creative man who invented games and modified machinery to suit his needs and he liked to change the rules on standard games to make them more challenging (and more fun) for all.

Gord played a solid game of tennis but enjoyed a fast Masters level badminton match even more and developed lifelong friends on those courts. At home, he found time to coach several local soccer teams and the family front lawn was where the neighbourhood kids met if they wanted to play soccer, kick the can, badminton or maybe a game of 'cut-off' on bicycles.

The family thanks the staff of Shepherd's Village and Circle of Care for their care and attention to Gord during his stay.

A Celebration of Gord's Life will be held

Wednesday July 30, 2025

1pm to 4pm

in the Grosvenor Room at the YMCA - 20 Grosvenor Street Toronto M4Y 2V5

In lieu of flowers, if you would like, please choose the charity of your choice and donate in his name.

Gord was probably working on how to change the rules of dying when he left us 😊

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Thinking of the Wilton family today. So sorry I couldn't make it to Gordie's celebration of life.

*I'll always remember Gord's endless curiosity and deep conversations. He always seemed determination to fully understand life — and maybe even outsmart it. Like the book he gifted me when I graduated from law school on the best foods to eat to live forever.*

*I'll always remember the gleam in his eye when the gang suggested a bike ride, a game of badminton, or deciphering a semaphore message. He moved through the world with thoughtful precision and a genuine desire to connect with people.*

*Fondly remembering a great man today and sending heartfelt condolences to everyone who loved him ♥♥♥*

*-Jenn Trunk*

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**Jennifer Trunk** - July 30, 2025 at 02:42 PM

MD

“ Condolences to Syl, Rus & Ken and their families.  
*We were backyard neighbours to the Wiltons for close to 50yrs (from '71 on)*  
*May Gord Rest in Peace.*

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**Mel Dey** - July 03, 2025 at 10:56 AM

RT

“ I have many, many fond memories of great times spent with Uncle Gord and Aunt Mary and the extended Wilton clan. As a kid, I always felt valued by Uncle Gord. He took time to ask you about what was happening in your life and what was interesting to you at the moment, and he listened carefully to what you said - a powerful experience for a kid! Beyond that, I knew him as someone who was always doing something interesting and who was always happy to share. A lovely, lovely guy :))

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**Ron Turner** - July 01, 2025 at 03:01 PM

SI

“ I have many happy memories playing tennis at Martingrove with Mary and Gord.  
Sending deepest condolences.

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**Sylvia Irwin** - June 29, 2025 at 11:54 AM