



## Harold Edwin Denison File

May 30, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Dr. Harold Edwin Denison File. He passed away peacefully on May 30th, 2020, in his 77th year. Denis will be sadly missed by his children Beth (Jim), Casey (Lisa), Laura (Chase). Proud grandfather to Cierra, Paige, Lachlan, Robyn, Isla and Spencer. Survived by his sister Betty Jean Farran.

Denis was a retired Optometrist with prominent practices in both Yorkville and Hamilton for over 40 years. Denis spent all his downtime at his cottage on Beaver Lake. This is where he shared his love for the outdoors, hunting and fishing, with his family and friends. More recently he could be found sitting on the deck overlooking the lake. He lived life to the fullest and on his terms. A celebration of life will be announced at a future date. Donations are not required, however, Denis supported Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Canadian institute for the blind.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I was first introduced to Denis File in July 1974 for a job interview - to be the receptionist. My college roommate father was the pharmacist on Queenways and he knew Harold File Sr for many years...connections got you the job.

*It was rocking star, within 3 weeks of hire the TTC went on his 1st strike EVER. Anyone who knew Denis or the File family, the word "strike" was like a swear word. Denis would drive me home, pick me up in North Islington until we learn about the GO Transit. Then he would pay for our cab to Union Station or we would walk.*

*Harold Sr would make daily trips to Bay/Bloor Office to deliver contact lenses, and other products. At first I truly thought he was a delivery guy. LOL.*

*No matter how bad life or the world would be, Denis always had the "spring his walk, biggest smile and even bigger laugh". It was my first real job and to this day I still get a chuckle when I share my memories.*

*My deepest condolences to Beth, Casey and Laura and to Betty Jean Farron. I was just at Dr Acs office this AM and she shared that Denis had passed. We took a few minutes to share some of Denis's characters...that BIG SMILE... Hope you, Harold Sr and staying out of trouble. RIP Big Denis*

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**Cynthia McDonagh** - May 14, 2021 at 03:58 PM

RP

“ I met Denis back in 1976. He was making a new contact lens with his father at Central Contact. We became friends over the years and shared our lives with each other. I went to Harolds Funeral. It is hard to think that my Friend is gone. My heartfelt sympathy to all the family and friends with his loss.

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**Rae Phillips** - August 20, 2020 at 12:13 AM

DM

“ *In Memory of Denis File*

*My first introduction to Denis was in fall of 1964 when we all registered for our initial week at the College of Optometry of Ontario in Toronto.*

*Den was a resident of Toronto area. Thus, he generously offered to drive myself and other out-of-province first year colleagues to the medical office of one of our future lecturers, Dr. Sparks. We were scheduled with Dr. Sparks for medical examinations. Being quite young at that time, and knowing little-to-nothing about Toronto, I have always been thankful to Den for that gesture and the start of very long friendship. When I think of Denis, this is the very first memory that comes to mind! Thank you Den!*

*In those optometry school years, our class was grouped alphabetically for labs and other class and clinical activities. As it happened the “Ferguson, File, Gaboury, Gibson and Grant” grouping fit together very well and formed a friendship that has lasted the years.*

*Den made many trips to Saskatchewan for hunting – in which my husband and he got to know each other. Over the years, that tradition switched to Victoria fishing trips when we had moved to Vancouver Island. Some years later, the fishing tradition continued in the province of Guanacaste, Costa Rica where we had built a winter cabin. Lots and lots of great times with that crazy, loveable guy!*

*Both Denis (Madson) and I will miss you. R.I.P. Denis.*

*Diane (Gibson) Madson  
Denis Madson*

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**Diane Madson** - June 04, 2020 at 11:22 PM

WT

*I knew the File family when we lived beside them on Aintree Ct. I babysat Beth, Casey and Laura. Denis was a huge influence on my life. He and Betty encouraged me to go to University, which I did. I enjoyed many times at the cottage on Beaver Lake. In fact my children and I were just talking about the last time we were there, probably 30 years ago. Rest in peace Denis. I know you will be missed. I am so glad you were part of my life. Wendy Homenuk Taylor*

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**Wendy Taylor** - June 06, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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*“ I only had the pleasure of meeting him once. My family stayed at Casey and Lisa’s Cabin one summer a few years back and we took a walk to meet Denis. He showed my kids all his hunted treasures, knives, animal heads and a giant fish he caught, which I think was on the wall if I remember correctly . My kids enjoyed the nature and on the walk back we went turtle hunting and actually saw one !!! So much fun. Thank you Denis*



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**Cynthia Boutilier** - June 03, 2020 at 07:46 PM