



## Helmut Kurt Hampel

November 9, 2023

Helmut Kurt Hampel (Kurt), 95 years old, passed away after a long battle with dementia on November 9, 2023, at Sandalwood Park nursing home, Brampton, Ontario. Kurt is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Hedwig (Hedi), his children Shirley (Michael), Sandra and Joanne (Daniel). Kurt also leaves behind his adored grandchildren Laura, Elisabeth, Christopher, Justin and Leah. "We have five wonderful grandchildren who have given us more pleasure than we ever imagined."

Kurt came to Canada on his own in 1956 and immediately got a job as a barber. In 1957 he opened Kurt's Barber Shop and married the love of his life in April 1957. Ten years later he became a custodian with the Etobicoke Board of Education. After earning the stationary engineer's certification, he became head custodian at a school in Etobicoke. He had an amazing relationship with the students, custodians and principal and helped to improve the atmosphere of the school.

Kurt enjoyed retirement at their home in Port Perry, and he loved spending time with family and friends playing golf, pool, cards and rummy king. He was an expert gardener and took pride in the care of their home. He relished eating the delicious meals cooked by his wife and especially the cakes that he ate every afternoon. When asked for a comment on the dish, his sense of humour came out when he replied, "It must be good. I'm eating it, aren't I?"

Kurt was also a fan of all kinds of music and in the nursing home could be found tapping his fingers to rousing German music.

Even in his final days, Kurt was joking around with his family and caregivers at the nursing home. They called him Mr. Kurt and had grown very fond of him. We are exceptionally grateful to all the staff for the care they provided.

Kurt will be cremated in private service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Peel, would be appreciated by the family.