



Mr. Horst Preissler

January 13, 2013

Horst Preissler, 75, of Burlington, Ontario, beloved husband and best friend of Brunhilde (Peshara) Preissler for 52 years passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 13th 2013. He is survived by his daughter Rhonda; his son Erik and his wife Monique and his beautiful grandson Nico; his sister Brigitte Friedrich and her husband Leo; and his baby sister Christine Cole and her husband Jeff Cole and their three children Scott, Patrick and Sarah; as well as numerous friends and relatives here in Canada, Germany and England. He was pre-deceased by his father Hans Emil Preissler and his mother Louise (Hunger) Preissler

Horst was born in a small village in East Germany and immigrated to Canada in 1956. He worked in a number of retail stores, had his own store design company and later also worked for a couple of large store fixture companies. Horst loved to build beautiful stores that made not only his clients happy, but was something he was proud of.

He also used his creative skills to build his wonderful home and two spectacular cottages. Horst loved nature and was always in his element when he could be outside at the cottage with his family and friends sitting in front of a roaring fire admiring the stars... with a cognac and cigar in hand. He was also an avid fisherman and am sure he is already catching his speckled trout in heaven. But most of all, Horst was the most straight-forward, larger-than-life loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend that most of us will ever have the honour of knowing. His contagious, big-belly laugh will

remain with all of us who ever knew him.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the members of the Sunnybrook C2 Oncology and K1E Palliative Care Units. Their dedication and effort to provide quality care over the last 2 months were a heartwarming blessing to the entire family. We thank God for the gift of his life and the blessing of the time we spent with him and for his perfectly orchestrated last dying moments.

A memorial service will be held honoring Horst on Friday, January 18th, 2013 at 1:30pm at the Burlington Arts Centre at 1333 Lakeshore Road in Burlington in the Shoreline Room (<http://www.thebac.ca/get-to-know-us/location-and-driving-directions/>). Pastor Charles Dechert will officiate the service which will be followed by a reception with light snacks and drinks. We welcome all friends and family to join in the celebration of Horst's life. His cremated remains will be taken to his cottage at Raven Lake for a private family ceremony in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in memory of Horst Preissler be directed to "The Oncology Program and Palliative Care Unit," in care of The Sunnybrook Foundation, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3M5. 416-480-4483 or donations can be made online at <https://donate.sunnybrook.ca/SSLPage.aspx>.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ Just received the RLCA newsletter and learned of Horst's passing. We are so sorry to hear. Will miss seeing him around the cottage. Our sincere condolences to Brunhilde, Rhonda, Erik and Monique. ~ Wendy and Ron, Raven Lake

Wendy Hogan - April 01, 2013 at 03:26 PM

TF

“ I recently found out about Horst's passing. I am truly saddened that such a wonderful man was taken from us far too soon. I worked him for several years & he made me want to come to work everyday!! He was kind and so funny, without intending to be funny! He often times needed help with his computer as things would "disappear" somehow!! I would hear him call me "Trayzeee" can you come here? Horst was gentleman in the truest sense of the word & he was a rare breed. I know he is already fishing up there. You will be missed Horst.

Tracy (Punwani) Figliuzzi - January 28, 2013 at 06:17 AM

SH

“ A very fine man was Horst!
I have many fine memories as a young child in the Volkswagon beetle driving really fast down Burloak and hitting the railway tracks. We would literally fly through the air.
Horst emptied out his garden shed so Rhonda and I could use it as our little house.
The way he would laugh till everyone else did.
The way Horst loved his camp fire and stary nights.
Horst set a fine example for not only his children but others as well.
He was a beautiful father, husband and friend.
Hope you catch the big one while you fish every day in paradise
Suzi

Suzanne Helm - January 17, 2013 at 08:04 PM

PS

“ I remember Horst for having such a passion for the outdoors and fishing. He was always so excited to get to the spot and start fishing before anyone had their hooks out. We were fishing a river once and his boots got stuck in the mud. Over he went face first into the water with his feet still planted! Back up he came with a big smile on his face ..hip waders filled with water...cigar and rod still in hand. We nick named him “Aqua Man” after that.
He'll be truly missed by all his friends in the Store Fixture Business who knew him all these years. Especially me. - Paul Sokalski

PAUL SOKALSKI - January 16, 2013 at 03:28 PM

TC

“ Tracey Crook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horst Preissler



Tracey Crook - January 16, 2013 at 01:12 PM

TC

“ I remember showing up at the Preissler home with some friends to pick up Rhonda, then we hear this yelling for all of us to get to the back yard. There stood this larger than life man, very good looking I might add, that had decided to cut down a massive tree in the backyard, by himself, only problem was it was about to fall on their house. We all pulled on the rope and the tree fell into the woods. I've never seen anyone sweat so much, and I don't think it helped that I kept asking Horst if he had home insurance. Mean while where is Brunhilde... she took off running, never seen a woman run so fast in high heels...ok I made that part up. I know Horst will be looking down from heaven, saying of all the stories she had to tell that one. LOL

Mr.Preissler was a gentleman, he was larger than life,had a great laugh, who provided a great life for his family and instilled great work ethic in his kid's. He will be looking down on you from heaven with great pride. God Bless you, and your family. Horst's energy will live on forever and he will be with you everyday looking over you. I was blessed to have known you. Love Tracey...God Speed

P.S If you see my dad, who passed over on his birthday Jan 16, "Who does that" could you wish him a happy birthday.... you'll find him in the local pub.

Tracey Crook - January 16, 2013 at 01:11 PM



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Mark Foerster - January 16, 2013 at 09:18 AM

TC

Great video, show's how much Horst was loved by his family and friends. Preissler are loving people and whenever you went to their home you could feel the love and warmth. They made you feel so welcome. Cheers, to Mark for posting the video, and to Rhonda for changing her hairstyle.

Tracey Crook - January 16, 2013 at 02:40 PM



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Mark Foerster - January 16, 2013 at 07:12 AM

MR

“ *Not only was Horst a great fisherman, he also loved to play pool, and he was very good at it. Many a times I played Horst a game of pool on his table and I do not ever remember beating him (I used to think I was pretty good until I had the privilege of playing against Horst) lol. Horst was someone I could not wait to get a chance to sit down and talk to. He truly was an influential man in my life. I am going to miss him very much. Mike Rorabeck*

Michael J. Rorabeck - January 15, 2013 at 08:12 PM

MR

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Michael J. Rorabeck - January 15, 2013 at 07:57 PM

TC

great pictures!!!

Tracey Crook - January 16, 2013 at 02:28 PM

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Mark Foerster - January 15, 2013 at 04:12 PM