



Larry Archibald Knight

February 16, 2021

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, Larry Archibald Knight, loving son, nephew, father, grandfather, friend, and partner passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with lung cancer at the age of 71. Larry Knight was born on August 31, 1949, in Toronto, Ontario. He attended Centennial College for Correctional Service and started a career at OCI in Brampton.

Over the years, he was a man of many talents, working in different industries, being a leader, teacher, and positive influence on every life he touched. Larry was actively involved in volunteering his time with different charities and organizations, local and afar, from the Out of the Cold Program to traveling to Guyana to help set up rural hospitals.

Larry had such a passion for sports. He excelled at Tennis, sailing, hockey, baseball, volleyball, and pickleball, making numerous friendships along the way. He was known for his love of teaching and bettering himself and others. The family cottage on Balsam Lake was especially dear to Larry. He enjoyed spending time with family, sharing his knowledge and experience with boating and sailing. Tennis matches and The Annual Regatta were annual memories he enjoyed creating.

Larry Knight is survived by his mother Betty Marie Price, who is in her 95th year, his Aunt Marilyn Sonley, his partner Anne, his children Lesley (Mike Minicucci) Knight, Adam (Hannah) Knight, Grandchildren Vincent Knight, Evelinh Knight, Hayden Knight, and Avery Knight.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dear Anne and Family,

I just recently learned of Larry's passing. I knew Larry through his time with the North of 40 group at People's Church. The last time I saw Larry was when we had a North of 40 reunion. At that time, I knew Larry was fighting lung cancer and had several telephone conversations with Larry and was impressed by his upbeat outlook. At the reunion, I was surprised to see how well he looked and his resiliency was evident. Larry spoke often about his involvement with sports and encouraged me to play pickleball, his new found sport.

Larry was a very engaging fellow and was good fun to be around. I'm sure you miss his lively presence and my deepest condolences for your loss. Larry was a believer and I hope that you will find comfort in knowing that Larry is in the presence of the Lord.

Blessings,

Diane Black

Diane Black - September 11, 2022 at 08:52 AM

RB

“ Anne and family,

My deepest condolences of Larry's passing. He was a great person, always available to help and give advice. He was a good tennis player.

He had a wealth of knowledge.

He will be missed by all.

Rick Bertozzi

Rick Bertozzi - February 28, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JS

“ Anne and family I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I really enjoyed playing tennis with him as a partner but not against him. His wicked serve broke my strings on one occasion. He will be missed.

Joe Scarfo

Joe Scarfo - February 26, 2021 at 02:39 PM

TM

“ Hi Anne,
Hanna and I just received an email from Rick with the sad news.
Our deepest condolences to you and Larry's family.

Best wishes

Tuan

Tuan Mai - February 24, 2021 at 08:36 PM

RH

“ Larry was like an older brother to me. We met in the late 1970's at OCI. Despite the fact that he was an only child and I was the middle child of 7 I welcomed his kindly older brotherly ways. We quickly became close friends within the institution as well as on the basketball court where we confused many an opponent who didn't immediately realize that there were actually two of us who looked and played very similarly. My wife Pat and I watched with great interest as the Knight clan began to grow with the arrival of Lesley and then Adam. Our families stayed in touch for several years until Pat and I relocated to Ottawa. Over the years and decades that followed we unfortunately lost touch with Larry. Two short months before his death I received a phone call from Lesley. She let me know that Larry had asked her to locate me and then quickly brought me up to speed on her dad's very poor health. I called Larry the next day and, as with all strong relationships, we picked up where we had left off all those years ago. It took no time to realize that Larry was the same caring and compassionate guy who had a huge ear and broad shoulders for anyone who needed them. Despite his incredible pain and rapid decline over the past few years that was not his focus at all. Instead he wanted to know about Pat and myself as well as our children. His genuine interest in the well being of others was a hallmark of Larry's life. Thank you Lesley for reaching out, you will never know how much that meant to us as well as to your dad. May you, Adam and Anne as well as your families always enjoy the memories of your dad's life which was so well lived.

Love to you all Pat and Richard Harman.

Richard and Pat Harman - February 23, 2021 at 11:26 PM

MD

“ Terry and I extend our deepest condolences to Anne and to all of Larry’s family.

I first met Larry about five years ago on a pickleball court at the Thornhill Seniors Centre. He was a gifted player whose mere presence inspired our friendly group. Initially I saw him as my archrival, a kindly Superman to my outmatched Lex Luther.

Little did I realize, you can't beat Superman!

Not only an accomplished athlete, Larry was a remarkable teacher. Even during his illness, he always tried to come out and help others to improve their games. When some would have been at home dwelling on their misfortunes, Larry was there to encourage and inspire.

When I would visit him in hospital after some of his surgeries, he wouldn't complain about life being unfair. Rather, he accepted his cross and didn't let it take away from his sense of humor or his engagement with life.

Larry knew about pain and suffering, about the cruelty of cancer. And yet, he never lost sight of the beauty in nature, of the joy in a child, of the value of a friendship.

Larry was an only child but that doesn't mean he didn't have a brother.

Thank you, Superman, for always helping me to see the best in everything and everyone.

I will never forget you, my brother.

Michael Daoust

Michael Daoust - February 22, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service - February 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM

KG

“ Christopher, my husband and I were absolutely thrilled to see Larry in my dear cousin, Anne's life. Together they made such a wonderful, happy, dynamic couple and they always lit up the room wherever they were.

Every Boxing Day gathering at Anne's house since Larry joined the "Turner clan" we would enjoy conversations about sports, boating, home improvement and Larry always listened intently and gave encouraging comments.

When the family got together for our annual "Goodwin/Turner/Magoris/Hanley/Top" summer reunions we could always count on Larry and Anne bringing lawn games that provided hours of fun and laughter by everyone.

Larry, you touched our hearts and left a large footprint on this family and your larger than life stature and personality will be missed.



Kathleen Goodwin - February 22, 2021 at 10:54 AM

SH

“ Larry is one of the most caring people I have met. When I first joined pickle ball, he took me under his wing and taught me skills and encouraged me. I thought I was receiving special treatment until I saw him doing the same for many others.

Last summer, we went for a long long walk. He surprised me with his fitness. He was using a walker and he required assistance to stay on track due to issues with his vision. On the way home, I was feeling tired. I cannot imagine how he was feeling but I know that he was in pain. We came across a large mess from an overturned recycle bin. Papers had blown a long way from the box. Despite the fact that it hurt Larry to bend close to the ground, he would not leave until we had cleaned the entire mess. Larry has a way of making me want to be a better person.

Your spirit and influence lives on in all of us Larry,
Sabrina Hutchison

Sabrina Hutchison - February 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JD

“ My condolences to Larry's family.

I met Larry a few times when i volulteered in the cafe and when he volunteered there also. He was very likable. I am sorry that i didn't get to know him well.

judith deri

judith deri - February 21, 2021 at 04:33 PM

DR

“ Dear Anne & Family:

When I think of Larry, I think of his incredible kindness, hard work and engaging smile! For so many years, Anne and Larry were together with us each Sunday. When our custodian, Jesus, was on holiday years ago, Larry filled in so that Jesus and his wife, Rosie, could take a much-needed vacation. Larry was always willing to help others, share a kind word and be there whenever someone needed his help; that was the kind of man he was, "caring about others".

To Larry's children, your Dad had a beautiful spirit and he will be so very missed by so very many!

Dianne Rimmer and the Ladies of the Alpha Group

Dianne Rimmer - February 21, 2021 at 11:34 AM

PK

“ Dear Anne & family:

Sincere condolences on the passing of one of a kind, Larry. He was a good soul and never failed to inquire about others despite what he has been going through these past couple of years. Such strength, resilience and determination in his quest to get everything he could out of life This past summer was wonderful to see Larry continue to join a group of us Pickleballers on or around the tennis court at the Gazebo. Good times and memories. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Pam Kapetanakis

Pamela Kapetanakis - February 20, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JH

“ Sincere condolences to Larry’s family. We will all miss Larry. He was such a nice guy! He taught my wife and I pickleball techniques when we first started playing at Thornlea. We are deeply indebted to him for his help. Sometimes we played at Parkway Forest community center where the sun and its reflections would affect visibility at certain times; whenever Larry came in, he would use garbage bags to cover the windows. Larry always brought more joy and excitement to pickleball courts. Not only is his passing a great loss for the pickleball community, but also the world has lost someone very special!

Joseph Ho - February 20, 2021 at 03:31 PM

AM

“ I found Larry charming and easy going, someone who made my cousin, Anne, happy. With his love of sports and the out-of-doors. He was a great Mr. Fix It, someone very handy to have around. When he came to Antigua with Anne he'd take off running all over the place, across the golf course up into the hills and I was never sure if he actually knew where he was going. RIP.

Agnes Meeker - February 20, 2021 at 02:23 PM

ML

Dear Anne and the knight family,

Terrible news at this pandemic time losing Larry.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you with the sad passing of your beloved Larry.

A reminder how fragile life really is.

He was a great guy, a gentleman and a good tennis player with a big serve and always competitive

I also knew Larry from the Rogers cup volunteering as a fellow driver and had many interesting chats with him. He will be truly missed.

I am also proud of Larry achievements volunteering in my home country Guyana 🇬🇪 to help set up a rural hospital.

They say in tennis 🟡 that the one who serves well usually wins. Larry had a big serve and a winner with God and humanity.

He will be rewarded with divine honor in heaven 🙏.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families at this sad time.

May Larry spirit Rest In Peace in Gods eternal home, pain-free and with timeless harmony.

And be reunited with his other loved ones.

*Sincerely,
Maurice Lee 🙏❤️*

Maurice Lee - March 01, 2021 at 02:39 PM

BE

Very god bless Betty and your entire family Larry was a wonderful man and a great friend. He will be missed.

Bruce Elliott - May 06, 2021 at 10:55 PM