



Mr. Laurence Lauric Duke

March 24, 2015

Born at 40 Village, Plantation Moore Park, West Coast Berbice, British Guyana. His mother Katie was a landowner who lived to the age of 94. Laurence's father Hubert was a deep-sea diver who tragically passed away at a young age from a diving accident. In his teens, Laurence became interested in lithography and studied to become a professional linotype operator. He worked as a typesetter for the Guyana Chronicle for several years then married Judith Barbara Miller in 1955.

They immigrated to Canada after Laurence was awarded a scholarship from the government of Guyana to continue his studies. He attended Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in the early 60s graduating with a diploma in typesetting. He then went on to work as a typesetter for many years at the Globe and Mail and enjoyed short stints at other newspapers across Canada and in the United States. Once they were settled Duke and Judy sponsored many family to join them in Canada. Laurence was always a lover of travel and enjoyed exploring the Canadian landscape from coast to coast. He was also a collector of rare coins and stamps. He loved a great meal and relished any opportunity to sing. After he retired, Laurence sought out background talent work in the burgeoning Toronto film industry in the 90s and was casted as an "extra" in a few high profile movies. At 6'2" he was a natural athlete who enjoyed cricket, soccer and swimming. He enjoyed taking long walks and telling jokes. In recent years, Laurence's health

deteriorated and eventually he succumbed to his illness at 6:25pm on March 24th, 2015. He was 84 years old. Laurence has 6 beautiful children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They live in Toronto, Vancouver and Nebraska. Both the viewing and memorial service will take place at Aftercare 1097 O'Connor Drive Toronto, ON M4B 2T5, at 1pm and 2pm respectively.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

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