



## Lawrence Joseph Mask

February 19, 2020

July 6, 1946 - February 19, 2020

Born in Toronto, resided in Pickering Ontario

After a long struggle with heart disease and COPD, Larry passed quietly on February 19, 2020

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Penny Bissett, his sister Anna Marie and her husband Al, brother Austin and his three children, Cameron Mask, Laurie Mask and Jacquie Porteous. He has 5 grand children whom he adored. Larry will be cremated within the coming days. It was Larry's wish that there be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lung Association.

<https://www.lung.ca/donate>

Condolences may be left on this site.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I worked with Larry at McDonald's at Sherway Gardens. Larry taught me many life skills and I'm forever grateful. I am just finding this obituary now and wanted to make a memory for others. I do know Larry touched many of us in our years working together. So sorry to hear Larry has passed. Thanks Larry for all you did to make me a better person.

Jim Morris - April 21, 2023 at 05:11 PM



You are quite right Jim Morris and I do remember you working at McDonalds at Sherway Gardens. I was Larry's first assistant manager. He certainly taught me a lot too.

Mike Paxton - November 24, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JP

“ Hi Dad,  
You want to know what I will never get sick of hearing? “You have your dad's sense of humour” Being told that always brings a smile to my face. I am proud to know I have your sense of humour, not so much about having your sense of sight though ;-)  
One of my fondest memories I will always cherish is having you walk me down the aisle on my wedding day and having our father daughter dance to the song “My Little Girl”  
I Love you dad! I will always be your little girl ❤️



Jacque Porteous - March 04, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JM

*I worked with your Dad at McDonald's. He was an inspiration. Amazing leader and person. So sorry albeit late to hear he has passed.*

Jim Morris - April 21, 2023 at 06:05 PM

CM

“ Hi Dad,

*For years we could always say the biggest arguement we ever had was when I was 10 years old and you told me (completely unprompted by the way) that wrestling was fake and I got so mad and told you that Hulk Hogan could beat you up and you couldn't believe my reaction. I still stand by that claim, but I'm glad you never had to fight Hulk Hogan.*

*Thanks for sharing so much with me and all your interests and favouirte things when you were growing up. Thanks for letting me stay up late with you so we could watch David Letterman and SCTV. Thanks for writing a note to my teachers and principal's so I could leave school early to come home and watch the Blue Jays on opening day. Thanks for showing me movies you grew up watching like High Noon and The Searchers, and then taking me to movies like Star Wars and Raiders of the Lost Ark when I was a kid. Thank you for taking me to meet Gordie Howe, even though I'm pretty sure you did that just so you could meet him. Thanks for your sense of humour, which everyone seems to be sharing on here. You were so great at making sure we'd all laugh. Thanks for being a great Dad. I know I'm forgetting stuff but I think this site charges us by the letter so that's it for now. Going to miss you and our chats.*

*Love,*

*Cam*

*PS - I'm still not ever going to watch the movie Cat Ballou though, had to draw the line somewhere.*

Cameron Mask - March 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CM

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**Cameron Mask** - March 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM

AM

“ Larry as your little brother it was my job to annoy you

*I forgive you:  
for telling me I was adopted  
for telling me my cloths were bought at the Hand-Me-Downs  
for having me believe that turning the TV station was an important  
job  
for my trust issues, when you told me by also eating your porridge it  
would  
make me smarter*

*Growing up we shared a room. I never needed a security blanket  
because I had you, a teddy bear doesn't count.*

*I've realized that when we wrestled it was just an excuse to hug,  
boy did we hug a lot.*

*As a big brother you sometimes picked on me, but if anyone else  
did they would have you to deal with. Who needed a superhero  
when I had my big brother.*

*You always loved old western movies. John Wayne said, 'Nobody  
should come to the movies unless he believes in hero's*

*I believe in hero's.*

*Love your little brother Austin*



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Anna Mifsud - February 28, 2020 at 06:02 PM

AM

“ Larry,



*Do you remember the time we went hiking with our friend, Rick down the back of the cliff?*

*About halfway through, we heard a dog barking at the top of the cliff. As the barking grew louder; we knew the dog was getting closer. We all decided to hop the fence and run along the tracks. I fell over, twisted my ankle and yelled for help. You and Rick stopped and looked back. Rick continued to run away and you came back for me!*

*I wish you could back for me again!*

*You are my best friend, buddy and Big Brother forever.*

*Love Austin*

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**Austin Mask** - February 27, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Dear Larry, dear brother-in-law, dear friend,

*In the end we are nothing more than a memory and I certainly have a few of those of you. My fondest memory is when you and I, with nothing to do, decided to drive up to the famed Mask family hometown of Barry's Bay, Ontario.*

*While there we decided to rent a row boat at Carson Lake and enjoy ourselves out on the water. When we got to the centre of the lake I decided to take a swim. You casually remained in the boat nonchalantly rowing. A few minutes later I decided it was time to get back into the boat knowing that I was not a strong swimmer. While wadding and looking for the boat I was shocked to see you and the boat off in the distance far enough that you could not hear my calls.*

*Panic begins to set in as I found myself swimming away from you rather than towards you. I was beginning to tire and flipped onto my back to float and rest. Shortly thereafter there you were, practically next to me, nonchalantly rowing and totally oblivious to my Bright Light Experience.*

*Missing you already!*

*Rest well.*

*AI*

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**Robert Mifsud** - February 27, 2020 at 06:54 AM

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“ *Big Brother you've been part of my life for over 72 years. There were times when distance, commitments and health kept us apart, but I will always remember growing up together, especially our summers in Barry's Bay.*

*Larry you brought so much laughter into every ones life over the years, but the one that makes me smile the most is that you are my brother and there is nothing you can do about it.*

*It's hard to describe what a brother is. Jane Austin described them as "strange creatures", but a brother is someone who is with you in good times and bad, happy times and sad, a brother will always be your family.*

*Dear brother it is time for you to sleep now. Remember you will always have a special place in my heart.*

*Your sister Anna Marie and brother-in-law Robert (AI)*



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**Anna Marie Mifsud** - February 26, 2020 at 01:05 PM

GP

“ We were very saddened to learn that our dear cousin Larry had passed away. I will always have fond memories of our good times together as children in Barry's Bay. Please accept our sincere condolences to His wife Penny, His children Cameron, Laurie and Jacquie, to His sister Anna-Marie ,Al and family and to His brother Austin.  
With all our love, Geraldine, Paul, André, Mary-Anne and Michel



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**Geraldine (Mask) and Paul Parent** - February 24, 2020 at 08:58 PM