



## Mervyn Wesley Delmage

February 7, 2026

March 22, 1945 – February 7, 2026

With deep sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Mervyn Wesley Delmage at his home on February 7, 2026, at the age of 80. His departure comes just two years after the loss of his beloved partner of close to 40 years, Joan (nee Richardson/James), who passed away on December 16, 2023. Born on March 22, 1945, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mervyn was raised in Hartney, Manitoba by his parents, Ross and Myrtle (nee Thomas). He was predeceased by his sister Sheila Hamilton (July 16, 2023) and his previous partner Beverly Delmage (nee Bekkering/Nichols), who passed on December 16, 2012.

Mervyn retired from long-haul, cross-continent truck driving several years ago but never stopped moving. Right up until his passing, he was always on the go, helping others. Friends and neighbors could always count on Mervyn—whether it was mowing lawns, shoveling snow, lending a hand with odd jobs, giving rides, or sharing breakfast. He was generous with his time and talents, always ready to assist those in need.

Both Mervyn and Joan were known for their wicked sense of humor and their gift of gab. What might begin as a brief conversation often turned into an epic exchange, making everyone feel like part of their extended family—a circle of friends spread across the United States and Canada.

Mervyn is survived by his children and grandchildren: Kenneth Delmage and wife Ariel (Benjamin), Angela Delmage and husband Bob (Katie & Jakob),

Mark Bekkering and wife Adele (Francesca, Christian, & Erika), Tom James (Chantal, Michael, Lilah, & Grayson), Tim James (Lucas, Carolina, Christopher, & Melissa), Troy Barnes (Alexis, Calleigh, & Maddy), and Tracy Barnes (Mikayla & Teo). He is also survived by his nephew Wes Hamilton, nieces Valerie, Cheryl, & Carol, and their extended families.

A Celebration of Life for Mervyn will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on April 11, 2026, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #43, 471 Simcoe St. South, Oshawa, Ontario.

Mervyn's legacy of kindness, humor, and generosity will be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know him. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts and memories of his family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ I've known Merv and Joan for over 34 years. We shared so many memories and stories. After Joan's passing. I made sure to check up on Merv almost weekly. We would share old and new stories and I got his precious Charlie adopted for him. Unfortunately Charlie passed last fall due to kidney failure. It hit Merv dearly and we cried over the loss. He was inspirational to me especially. Giving me ideas on what to do now I'm retired. I will miss him dearly. See you in heaven. Robin

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**Robin Melch** - April 03 at 08:58 PM

SM

“ I rented a room from Joan and Merv many years ago and have so many great memories. My heart is so heavy for his loss. My heart goes out to all how loved him. My they both be sharing a coffee with each other and catching up.  
tons of hugs

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**Sherri Morris** - March 25 at 07:49 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Merv was one of if not the kindest man I knew. When my husband had a heart attack Merv drove me to the hospital and kept me from falling apart. When Gary came home Merv and Joan brought homemade meals for us. Merv spent several hours and days gently removing the residual tape marks from Gary's chest and back. I will always remember visiting and watching him with Chico and (Crystal? Sorry Merv and Joan, I am having s senior moment). Whenever I go to Tim's or Wendy's I look for the two of them. Our friend Terry mentioned Merv meeting Joan at the gates of heaven and she is right. Joan will be waiting for him but after a quick visit Merv will be off working on heaven's gardens and polishing the stars.



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**Sheree Fordyce** - February 24 at 04:51 PM

BG

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Merve was my late grandfather's neighbour. Although I didn't know him for long, my grandfather spoke very highly of Merve. He was extremely helpful with my grandfather and his property over the last year. My sister and I were very thankful for all he did, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Rest easy Merve

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**Brandi Gallant** - February 24 at 03:54 PM

KD

*Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Ken Delmage** - March 15 at 08:42 AM

GC

“ Merv was my best man at my wedding. He was a wonderful friend, very kind and always helped out when he could. We partied with Merv many times when we worked with Baron Movers, agent for United Van Lines travelling long haul all over Canada. You will be missed.  
Cookie



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**Gaty Cook** - February 24 at 09:24 AM

KD

Thanks Cookie.

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**Ken Delmage** - March 15 at 08:43 AM

CP

“ I was very sad to hear of merv's passing. Both my husband and I were transport drivers with Day and Ross for many years. We met up with Joan and Merv, and they're little dogs many times and we share Christmas cards, and we just talked Christmas pass about being off the road and being retired is. We also talk about driving how it has changed for the worst. And we talked about Joan and how much he missed her. Rest in peace dear friend. Your friends,  
Terry and Carolyn Penney.

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**Carolyn Penney** - February 23 at 11:16 PM

KD

Thank you

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**Ken Delmage** - March 15 at 08:46 AM

DQ

“ My condolences to Merv's family, friends and anyone who knew him. My son, Tim and I lived next door to Merv for 4 years. He was the best neighbour I have ever had. And Joan was right there with him until her passing. Great people! The best. Thank you for sending me this notice. I live in New Brunswick now but always had a great time with both Merv and Joan. They will be missed by so many. ❤️

Donna Quick - February 23 at 08:12 PM

KD

Thank you, Donna

Ken Delmage - March 15 at 08:47 AM

TB

“ Merv was a wonderful friend and we really enjoyed his company. We went out as often as we could for coffee. Him and Joan were such amazingly kind hearted people and cared so much about others. They always hugged our son AJ and talked to him and made a huge impact on him. We are grateful for knowing him and Joan. They will missed deeply. RIP Merv I hope Joan opened up the pearly whites or the red hots for you and you are together once again. Xoxo



terry lee Ballinger - February 23 at 07:06 PM

KD

I think they are together again. Thank you

Ken Delmage - March 15 at 08:48 AM