



Michael John Stewardson

August 30, 2022

Michael John Stewardson, age 79, died suddenly in his home in Toronto on August 30, 2022.

A former Gunner with the 30th Field Artillery Regiment RCA (Ottawa), Records on Wheels owner (Sault Ste. Marie), and Shell Canada sales representative, Mike also worked for over 20 years with Ontario Correctional Services at the Don Jail before retiring in 2007.

Stewie was an avid reader, history buff, dog owner, Tim Horton's coffee drinker, boater, motorcyclist, photographer, music aficionado, Canadian Pacific Railway fan, and an active member of the Scarborough Model Railroaders Club.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Harry (Bob) and Marie (nee Lazure) and is survived by his sister Lee (Paul), his nephews Christopher (Ashley) and Matthew (Lindsay), and great nieces Aria and Kaia. He is also survived by his former partner Lynne, step-sons Christopher (Julie) and Jonathan, and grandson Aedan. Mike also leaves behind his many cousins from Peterborough; his dear friends Brenda, Michael, and Steve; and many more friends and neighbours who always appreciated Mike's sense of humour, storytelling ability, and cheerful dedicated presence.

As was Mike's wish, a formal service will not be held. However, the family will hold a celebration for Mike with details to be announced at a later date.

In honour of Mike, and his volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity, donations to Habitat for Humanity Canada www.habitat.ca would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Unlike some of the people sharing their memories, I knew Mike for a relatively short time — about a decade. But over these years I came to like and admire him. As a friend, he was generous and supportive, always listening attentively and saying the right thing at the right time. I am not a model railroader but we had many other things in common, including a love of dogs, the blues, and the Habs. I’ll miss his kindness, his wit, and his curiosity. RIP dear friend.

Curtis Fahey - September 10, 2022 at 11:50 AM

LM

Thank you for your memories of Mike. I always gave him something from his beloved Habs, for Christmas.

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 11:43 AM

JC

“ Steve and I had the pleasure of meeting Mike through “the dog group”.
We thoroughly enjoyed his sense of humour and friendship. We will miss him.
Jana and Steve

Jana Corrigan - September 10, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LM

Thank you Jana and Steve. He talked about the dog group quite often, always with a chuckle- you know then how much he loves dogs. Lee (Mike’s sister)

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 11:45 AM

RM

“ Nancy and I were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. He was a great neighbour. Our grandson was about 4 and very interested in trains. Mike's train club had a fundraiser draw on a brand new Bullet Nose Betty train set. Mike, I suspect bought most of the tickets because his ticket won the draw. Mike called Quinn to say he won the train. The train was presented to Quinn at one of the meetings. He was one delighted child and at 13 he has the train set and remembers that evening fondly. Condolences Rod and Nancy McNair.

Rod McNair - September 09, 2022 at 07:48 PM

LM

Thank you so much for sharing that memory of Mike. I had not heard that story before- as far as Mike was concerned, no one should be without a train to “play” with! Lee (Mike's sister)

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 11:47 AM

SP

“ . We met in high school in Ottawa and the friendship lasted over 60 years. Skiing at Camp Fortune with his Dad. Eating peanut butter his Mom made.

Michael rode his motorcycle across Canada to visit my wife and I after we moved there in the 1970's.

Michael visited again Vancouver in May and we reconnected vowing to keep in touch more often in the future.

Sadly our last telephone conversation of two weeks ago was our last.

Miss you Michael.

Steve

Steve Perry - September 09, 2022 at 03:47 PM

SP

“ *Michael was my good friend for over 60 years. From our high school days in Ottawa, skiing with his Dad at Camp Fortune, to having Michael ride across Canada on his motorcycle to visit my wife and I in Vancouver years later.*

Michael once again visited Vancouver in May of this year and we reconnected vowing to keep in closer contact in the future.

Hard to realize our last telephone conversation only two weeks ago would be our last.

I'll miss you Michael

Steve

Steve Perry - September 09, 2022 at 03:08 PM

LM

Thank you Steve. You were such a big part of his life. He spoke fondly of you all the time. Lee

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 11:56 AM

DO

“ *Some wonderful memories helping Stewie set up Records on Wheels and many parties with the Soo gang*

don - September 07, 2022 at 09:53 PM

LM

Thank you Don. Lee (Mike's sister)

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 11:58 AM

BG

“ *Mike, aka Stewie, was a part of my life for over 45 years. He was my friend and confidante, my partner in crime when it came to playing practical jokes on those we knew, my voice of reason when I was going thru turbulent times but more than anything, my best bud. During covid, we made a pact to call each other every Monday by 4pm. In nice weather, we met halfway and enjoyed chats by Ashbridges Bay. He would bring the coffee, I would bring homemade treats.*

And always enough to send him home with a care package. He never refused. After all these years of being friends, there are too many memories etched on my heart. I will miss vast knowledge of music and movies, his bad jokes, his greetings (Hello Blender), his phone calls, his stories, ... just him. RIP Stewie. I hope you know your legacy of love, laughter and loyalty will live on. I miss you

Brenda Gravelle - September 07, 2022 at 05:32 PM

PS

*I too have very fond memories of Stew the Screw going way back to the days of tubing on the Kam River...
A wonderfilled boat trip we took, camping and cooking along the way..
His bright yellow kitchen and his Aunt Ramona...
Rest well my friend... another one gone too soon!!*

Paula J Stitt - September 09, 2022 at 11:19 AM

LM

Thank you Paula for those memories. We heard about his tubing trips and how much he enjoyed them too! Lee

Lee Mutch - September 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM

MM

“*Mike joined the Scarborough Model Railroader Club about the same time as I did; around 2009. Mike and I became friends when we stated working on the back drops on the HO scale layout in the basement in 2016. We spent at least a ½ day a week working on things through the non summer months; which usually involved lunch at Harvey's before or after our work sessions. Plus, we ran trains at least twice a week, if not more. We did a lot of work at the club together and we did some road trips as well. I enjoyed his positive attitude and sense of humor. I am missing him now, and will for a long time; especially when I think of the fun we had and the friendship we shared.*

Michael Marmoreo - September 07, 2022 at 03:04 PM

LK

*Mike was the ideal pal, a droll sense of humour, a rollicking raconteur, generous in his willingness to help others, and a supportive fan of Le Club de Hockey Canadien when we gathered at Jana's and Steve's for "Hockey Night in Guildwood" on Saturdays as Les Glorieux faced off versus Les Leafs, (We were an non-ethnic minority at these cherished gatherings.)
His passing is yet another addition to my memory bank titled "To Absent Friends". His esprit de corps will live on among his dear Guildwood friends.*

Larry King - September 09, 2022 at 10:26 AM