



Ralph Frederick Timpson

November 16, 2023

Ralph Frederick Timpson passed peacefully surrounded by his family on November 16, 2023, at age 76, after a long struggle with Parkinson's. Born on May 31st, 1947, to the late Harold and Marjorie Timpson. Weighing 11 lbs, at birth, the presiding nurses called him "the little giant". Ralphie (affectionally known) was a likeable, sociable man who had many cherished friends and had a soft spot for the vulnerable.

Ralph was a successful real estate broker and teacher with the Ontario Real Estate Association. Earlier in life, he enjoyed careers in accounting and as a public-school teacher with the TDSB.

He had many talents and enjoyed activities such as skiing, sailing, motor boating and music (played trumpet in the Malvern Band). As a young man he enthusiastically took on the sport of bicycle racing and touring with his brother Paul. He was an active member of Kew Beach couples club where he enjoyed participating in the annual variety show alongside many of his most treasured friends.

Ralph will be greatly missed by his wife Carol Maxwell, stepdaughter Lisa (Cindy), siblings Paul (Sylvia), Ruth and Joyce; nephews Mark (Brandi), Jason (Billie), Joshua; niece Teresa Malone (Paul); his (pre-kindergarten) lifelong friend, David Lewis, and his loyal feline Mysterio.

A Celebration of Ralph's Life will be held at Kingston Road United Church, 975 Kingston Road, Toronto ON M4E 1T1 on June 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingston Road United Church
975 Kingston Road
Toronto, ON M4E 1T1 (CA)

Tribute Wall

“ As I set out to pen this tribute to Ralph, I discovered that a good starting point was to recount our first encounter. But there was no such moment.

Ralph's childhood home was at 7 Pickering Street, just a street away from my own at 11 Hannaford Street. It was only a matter of time before our paths crossed. My cousin, David, who is five years my senior, was the bridge that brought us together. The exact moment of our introduction remains a mystery, but in the eyes of a child, Ralphie simply materialized as David's closest companion. Many years passed, and it seemed like our encounters over those years were not mere coincidences but rather the universe's way of guiding us toward each other. In the mid-80s, we finally found our way into each other's lives; the rest is history.

Ralph was always seeking new experiences, always looking for ways to improve things. This drive, while it may have driven me crazy at times, was truly inspiring. It would not be unusual for him to say at the end of a beautiful vacation, 'This was great; now, how can we make the next vacation even better?' But what inspired me most was his willingness to look at ways he could change and grow. He was courageous in leading such a self-examined life and worked to become the best he could be in this lifetime. And it shows in all the many friendships he enjoyed and the incredible husband he was to me.

Ralph's friendships were not just meaningful to him; they were his lifeline, and he would be overjoyed to see so many in attendance in June, celebrating his life and sharing memories.

Ralph LOVED ice cream. We would all tease him about it and loved that, too. He was devastated when St. Clare Dairy, on the Danforth, closed. But nothing a tub of Kawartha Ice cream couldn't fix.

He enjoyed Alpine skiing and taught me how to ski. We enjoyed many wonderful ski vacations with friends and family and a couple of weeklong ski lessons to improve our skiing.

Ralph was at his best on or around the water. We enjoyed many hours of motoring and canoeing around the lake at the family cottage. It was rare to have the wind on our little lake, but if there were, Ralph would take advantage and spend a few hours on the

water in his Sun Fish sailboat.

Ralph enjoyed sailing, always dabbled in it, and wanted to pursue it further, so about ten years ago, and in true Ralphie fashion, he signed us up for the Power Squadron course to learn navigation, the marine radio operators' course, and several sailing courses and then we bought a 26-foot sailboat. Shortly after, Ralph was diagnosed with Lewy Body / later Parkinson's, and sailing, along with many other things, was no longer feasible.

In the face of his illness, Ralph displayed remarkable resilience. He would often push through the physical limitations and emotional turmoil that the disease presented to him, treating them as challenges to overcome. Ralph had his moments, but he generally dealt with his illness with inner strength and calm. He never gave up trying to be independent, a testament to his unwavering spirit.

No words could adequately describe the loss I feel about being without Ralph, but I know he is with me in spirit, which comforts me. And I also know that I am truly blessed to have had such a patient, kind, and caring partner and friend.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has shared memories or penned tributes by post or on this page and to the many who attended Ralph's celebration of life. Your presence and support mean the world to me, and I know your kindness would have touched Ralph.

Carol Maxwell - August 17, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DL

“ *I met Ralph in Kindergarten in 1952. We have been the best of friends ever since. 71 years of fun and mischief. Missing him.....*

David Lewis - July 30, 2024 at 04:56 PM

PA

“ So sorry to hear of Ralph’s passing. We share many happy Couples Club memories of many skits, jokes and songs! Sorry to have missed the celebration of life.
Pat and Dave Buchanan

Pat - June 24, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DD

“ Gerry and I are very sad to hear of Ralph's passing. For a few months I have been asking Gerry if he has seen Ralph at the ADP program and as he had not we wondered if Ralph was okay. Our history goes back to the 80's when Gerry and Ralph worked together at Family Trust. We remember well his kind ways and his ability to entertain. Our recent connection at Providence was such a comforting coincidence. Sincere condolences to Carol and the family.
Gerry and Dorothy DeClute

Dorothy DeClute - March 17, 2024 at 02:17 PM

VW

“ I am a long time friend of Carol's, but I have lived far away over the past 20 years. I met Ralph through Carol and totally enjoyed his spirit for stories and fun. My partner and I invited them to our Rondeau Bay slip to boat camp. They drove down in a 'contraption' called Tinkie Winkie - a very 'tricked-out' van. The boating community was treated to a 'keystone cops' event in the middle of the night when the alarm went off inside Tinkie Winkie. We never asked why, but it was the source of giggles all weekend and beyond.

We'll miss you Ralph!
Valerie and Rick Watkins

Valerie Watkins - December 13, 2023 at 05:27 PM

NG

“ *Ralph and Carol joined the Kew Beach Couples' Club the same year as Nancy and I. I remember all the goofy skits we did together, the hours of rehearsal, the Planning meetings, the thrill of performing. Not to mention all the parties at folk's homes afterwards, with Ralph and Carol being frequent hosts. Ralph had a way of finding the fun in everything! We'll miss his friendship and his quirky humour!*

Nancy and Laurie Gordon - December 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

IB

“ *It was an absolute pleasure meeting Ralph at Malvern Collegiate's 120th reunion this past May. I'm so glad that Carol encouraged him to attend. Carol, my sincere condolences. He's earned his wings now and is at peace. Sending you big hugs.*

Ingrid Imada Bubersky - December 09, 2023 at 04:43 AM

JT

Thanks Ingrid. I am glad that I was able to bring Ralph to the reunion to listen to the Band and meet old friend. The only think we were there longer than we thought we would be and had no meds or food. The young man who lived with them got on his bike and delivered the meds to the him personally - in the auditorium as we listened to the band ! I then found some sweets that made him happy ! It was satisfying to see him happy to be there.

Joyce Timpson - December 09, 2023 at 01:46 PM

WT

“ I knew Ralph’s sisters, Joyce and Ruth, long before meeting Ralph, through Adam Beck Public School, Kingston Rd. United Church, and piano lessons with Mrs. Mould. Paul was in my classes at Malvern. But what a joy it was to finally come to know Ralph and Carol at Couples’ Club. He was a kind gentleman with a ready smile. Although it’s been a while since we’ve seen him, we have fond memories of good times shared and send our deepest condolences to all the family. Paul and Wendy Truscott (née Lawson)

Wendy Truscott - December 06, 2023 at 02:34 AM

JT

Thank you Bruce and Wendy. I remember you both well, the perfect couple I always thought. Glad that you knew Ralph later on. Memories of Mrs Mould too, that only her students would appreciate...lol

Joyce Timpson - December 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

MT

“ I remember hanging out with Ralph and all our friends way back in the late 50's and early 60's. The best times were listening to the old Knight Kit shortwave radio upstairs at the house on Pickering Street. Like many of us we just drifted apart with different schools, jobs and interests. I think We last saw each other was at a Malvern reunion many years ago. RIP old friend. - Mike Toneri

Mike Toneri - December 03, 2023 at 02:58 PM

RB

“ I remember Ralph as always being happy and positive vibes. Pleasure to be in his company for a chat. In the summer of '76 we moved to Canada and Ralph paid me my first Canadian dollars for sweeping up the Autumn fall of leaves at his house on Columbine. He started me off and I have added a few more to that since then. Shared some good christmas cheer with the family over the years. Wish I was around to visit Ralph more often. We will all miss you.

Roy Behrend - December 02, 2023 at 03:48 AM

DS

“ Sad Day. Ralph was a friend from school Malvern-many of the same classes. Also saw Ralph at Kingston Road United Church and knew him from young people events to the present.. Many would not know about his interest in sailing. He was a member (like myself) at Scarborough Bluffs Sailing Club.. Always fun to visit with Ralph--Will miss him
Doug Sanderson

Doug Sanderson - December 01, 2023 at 11:41 AM

BD

“ Extremely sad news. I remember Ralph very well from my Malvern High school days. Condolences to the family.

Barbara DeLorey - December 01, 2023 at 11:12 AM

NH

“ So many good times we shared together. From Couples Club meetings, the Show Skits, the parties with friends. I especially cherish the memories of the time that Mary and myself spent with you and Carol on the houseboat on Lake Temagami for a lovely week in 2010. Rest in peace my friend.
Garry Herridge

Nelson Garry Herridge - November 29, 2023 at 05:07 PM

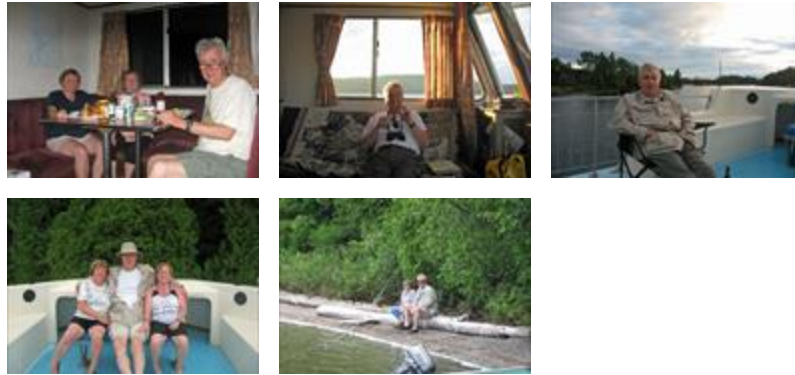
SR

For my friend Ralph many good times at the class of 66 lunch. Remember him sitting in the row in front of the percussion section in band at Malvern. Always was great to have our lunches. You will be missed but I will cherish our friendship

Sandy Richmond - December 01, 2023 at 11:27 AM

NH

“ 6 files added to the album memories



Nelson Garry Herridge - November 29, 2023 at 04:48 PM

NH

“ 1 file added to the album memories



Nelson Garry Herridge - November 29, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Timpson and the Maxwell families. I first met Ralph in 1987. He was dating my friend's mother. Shortly after meeting him, I started dating my friend. Her mother Carol, and Ralph both became sort of surrogate parents to me. I learned a lot from both of them, including how to downhill ski. I remember our ski trips in the late 80's and early 90's. Ralph was very kind and extremely intelligent. Smart guy who could talk to you about anything. Ralph was one of the first people in my life to ever call me on my nonsense... directly. I love you, Ralph. You were like a father to me. Rest in everlasting peace, my friend.

Lonnie Mowers - November 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM

JT

Thank you Lonnie for those kind thoughts about Ralph. It's always interesting to hear how others see our loved ones. Nice to hear from you

Joyce Timpson - December 01, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry Carol. Ralph was a great guy. We sailed together at Westwood Sailing Club in the early 80's and were on the executive. Such a friendly, interesting person.

Maureen McFarland - November 28, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DK

“ *My Boyhood Pal!!! Sail On!!!*

donald keele - November 28, 2023 at 05:22 PM

MH

“ *Mary&Garry Herridge lit a candle in memory of Ralph Timpson*



Mary&Garry Herridge - November 28, 2023 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ *Carol, I am so sorry to hear Ralph has passed away. He was such a great guy and so kind, as were you, to Gary and I when we joined the Couples Club.*

Lynda Cottenden - November 28, 2023 at 02:19 PM