



Richard "Ted" Edward Harding

July 10, 2024

HARDING, Richard "Ted" Edward

June 4, 1939 - July 10, 2024

Ted Harding, The "Magic Man," Passes Away at age 85

Richard "Ted" Harding, affectionately known as the "Magic Man" for his unique ability to blend his love of magic with his deep knowledge of the carpet and floor cleaning industry, passed away peacefully on July 10th 2024 at Sunnybrook Hospital surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ted's journey in the industry began with a simple vision: to revolutionize the way we think about cleaning carpets and floors. With a wand in one hand and a cleaning tool in the other, Ted brought a touch of enchantment to every demonstration, captivating audiences with his seamless integration of magic and professional expertise.

As the founding member of Kleen Kuip Supply Mart Inc., Ted's innovative spirit and dedication to excellence set the foundation for a company that prides itself on integrity, quality, and customer service. His passion was not just in the products he developed and sold, but in the countless hours he spent mentoring others, sharing his wealth of knowledge with anyone eager to learn.

Ted's generosity of spirit and unwavering commitment to helping others will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He believed in the power of education and took great joy in watching his mentees grow and succeed. His influence extended far beyond the walls of Kleen Kuip, impacting the lives and careers of many within the industry.

Outside of his professional life, Ted was a beloved family man, a cherished friend, and an extraordinary individual who touched the hearts of many. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, innovation, and a magical touch that will be sorely missed.

Ted is survived by his wife Linda of 39 years. Dear father of Julie, Michael, and Randy (Katie).

Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Andrew (Richelle) and Savannah. Dear brother of Joan, Bill (Irene) and Lynda.

Dear brother-in-law of Rosemary, Gloria, (Keith) and Suzanne (Scott).

Will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Predeceased by his parents Richard and Jean Harding.

A Life Celebration will be held on Saturday September 7, 2024 between 1:00pm & 5:00pm at York Masonic Temple 1100 Millwood Road, East York, Ont. M4H 1A3 where friends and family will gather to celebrate his life and legacy. It will be "A Magical Affair" with our theme being magic.

Ted Harding's magic lives on in the memories he created and the countless lives he touched. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us, as we honor the remarkable life of a truly extraordinary man.

"Love is magic, pure and sweet
For it alone makes life complete
And when there's something hearts would say
Love, like magic, shows the way"

Tribute Wall

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“ *Teddy was my cousin. My first memory of him is staying around the water to help us and look after his younger cousins at Dell Haven. we spent every Thanksgiving with Uncle Dick and Aunt Jean and a few weeks in the summer. Glorious memories! Teddy went on to create a successful life and became an amazing magician..He once gave me a business card showing a man standing next to a safe. The caption read “safe sex”. I still have the card and laugh my head of every time I see it! Need I say more! Teddy was a bright shiny light. I will miss him greatly. Few people in this world have this gift to upload others and to make them laugh
Linda, you told me Teddy was the love of your life, as I am sure you were his.
My condolences to his three lovely children and grand children.*

patsy McHugh - December 29, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *From his voice mail sounding like Elvis, his amazing stories, his large cars...Ted lived his life in a large way . He was respected all over the world both as a business man and magician. I am so happy to have met him, much more honoured to say he was my friend.*

Ray Anderson - July 22, 2024 at 12:24 PM

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“*Ted Harding was always a joy and a gentleman each and every time he walked into our magic shop, Browser's Den of Magic. Ted was a customer for about forty years! He was a pleasure to serve and always had a twinkle in his eye. Ted also was a longtime member of the Toronto Hat & Rabbit Club. I was so very sorry to learn of his passing. Fondly,
Jeff Pinsky, Browser's Den of Magic.*

Jeff Pinsky - July 18, 2024 at 12:16 PM

JF

“*So many memories of Uncle Ted, every family event was made better by his presence. He had a wonderful and unique combination of humour and wisdom and kindness. Ted taught and entertained several generations of his family with his magic but more than that he was a role model of good fun and love.*

janice fanning - July 18, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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“*Ted was a The Greatest Boss to have. When I starting working for Kleen Kuip over 30 years ago I did not have a clue about the Carpet Cleaning industry. After listening to him talk and teach over the years I feel I have enough knowledge to answer customers questions when they call for help. He made me laugh everyday and I will miss him very very much.*

Gloria Bambrough - July 17, 2024 at 12:29 PM

JC

Ted was the perfect magic artist that had you bugg eyed, laughing and looking for the ruse. If his trick failed he was even better.

Looking forward to having a rum and coke and dressing colourfully large!

We should all have a love that Ted had for Linda!

He's already showing tricks on arriving and paying \$150 to learn another in a much lighter place!

jim chomey - July 17, 2024 at 08:07 PM