



Robert James Wray McKay

September 10, 2023

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October 24, 1932 to September 10, 2023

In Loving Memory of Bob, Uncle Bob, Dad, Gramps and Great Gramps

In his 91st year, Bob passed of natural causes in the kind care of the Parkview Home in Stouffville, located in the Parkview Village community, a place that he and his late wife called home for the past 27 years. Born in Toronto, Bob married the love of his life Shirley in 1957 and together they brought up their family in Don Mills. They raised 3 children along with several dogs and cats. Bob's hobbies, strengths, and passion are too numerous to mention, but his love of singing and public speaking lead him to participating in several church and community choirs and fundraising plays.

Bob was a florist and a firefighter in Forest Hill, a specialist in firefighting equipment and training for Safety Supply and Ontario Hydro in Toronto, and a man of many talents.

His love of horseback riding lead to the purchase of his own horse and eventually a hobby farm was purchased in 1985 in Ballantrae. After 10 years of horsing around, Bob and Shirley moved into a Suite in the Parkview Village where they embraced community life in Stouffville. Bob was often seen exiting

the underground parking lot on his rumbling motorcycle, usually destined to the residence of one of his kids to grab a coffee. Bob and Shirley were devoted members of St James Presbyterian Church in town and Bob was a member of the infamous Stouffville male chorus "Men of Note".

Bob was a loving and caring husband to Shirley for 65 years. He is predeceased by his wife Shirley, his brother Jack and sister-in-law Dawneen, his daughter Susan, and his son Bruce. He leaves behind his son Brad (Venessa), his son in laws Peter and Ed, grandchildren Taylor (Robby), Erin, Courtney, John (Julia), and great grandchildren Mackenzie, Easton, and Cameron. In addition, Bob was valued as a father figure, grandfather figure and dear friend to so many who have shared that he made great impact in their lives.

Bob's life will be celebrated and family and friends are invited to join as follows:

St James Presbyterian Church 6432 Main Street, Stouffville, ON L4A 1G3
Saturday October 21st, 2023 1:00 PM – reception to follow

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. James' Presbyterian Church
6432 Main Street
Stouffville, ON L4A 1G3 (CA)

Tribute Wall

VM

“ Dearest Brad, I was so deeply saddened when my father (Bill Hay), told me about the passing of your incredible Dad. Growing up, being with you, Susan and Bruce at your home in Scarborough are such wonderful memories for me and my brother (also Brad). I loved the long friendship our parents held and I can hear your fathers deep, beautiful voice in my head to this day. Our Dads were dear friends since childhood so I felt like I knew Bob from the moment I was born. He was the nicest man and I adored him. Our deepest condolences Brad. (Please come visit us in Bobcaygeon if you're ever out & about.)

Valerie (Hay) MacKenzie

Valerie Mackenzie - October 07, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DC

“ I worked with Bob for many years in Health and Safety at Ontario Hydro. Bob was one of the good guys. He was kind, funny, and very optimistic. If you saw Bob walking the hallways, you would be sure to see his buddy Harry Willett right beside him. I will always remember Bob fondly. I thought I would share a few pictures with you.

With deepest condolences, Darlene Collins



Darlene Collins - October 05, 2023 at 09:28 AM

MG

“ Brad...you have our most sincere condolences. So sorry for your loss. We shall keep good and positive warm thoughts for you as your Dad transitions to the next life, leaving you with a lifetime full of wonderful memories to help you navigate in comfort through the coming days and weeks.
Kindest regards and deepest sympathies...
Murray and Heidi Garrison

Murray Garrison - September 15, 2023 at 08:22 PM

MV

“ I loved how your Dad would join us at CISM events and we would chat endlessly about his current and upcoming motorcycle adventures. I love how he treated me/us as family and made us laugh all the time.... Always be missed and always in my heart. Lots of love and hugs to you all xo

Michelle Vincent - September 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM

AN

“ My condolences Brad to you and your family. My heart goes out to you all. May your Dad rest in peace and rejoin with your Mom and Brother 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Ann - September 13, 2023 at 08:18 PM

BM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Brad McKay - September 13, 2023 at 06:32 PM