



## Robert "Bob" Strickland

May 14, 2018

STRICKLAND, Robert "Bob" - Passed away peacefully with family by his side on May 14th 2018 at age 71. Local butcher and owner of Strickland Choice Meats of Toronto. Bob was well known and a pillar in the community. Husband of the late Roberta Strickland who passed only a short 9 months ago. Beloved father to Ryan (partner Lauren), Rob (wife Erin) and Grandpa to precious granddaughter Leanne. Brother to Len (Kelly), Ross (Linda), Peter (Johnine), Bernice (the late Earl), Frank, Fred (Mary Ellen). Remembered by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Funeral to be held on Friday May 18th at 2pm at ST MARTIN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 1203 St Martins drive in Pickering.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of cousin Bob, It was always nice to stop in the shop and have a chat with Bob and Len. My condolences to all, He will be missed. Johnny Strickland

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**john strickland** - May 21, 2018 at 05:50 PM

BD

“ It's hard to believe it was only a few months ago that I dropped by to say Hello and to see if they had seen the family pictures I had left with Bernice. He suggested we invite Bernice to come down, get some of the family together at his place to take a look.

I was looking forward to riding over on my 72 Norton Commando and letting him take it for a spin. I believe the first motorcycle I saw was Bob's. Not sure what it was, BSA or Triumph? That was a long time ago.

I'm going to miss Bob, but I will always remember all the times we all got together at Uncle George & Aunt Ella's for those huge parties, usually, Grandma Strickland's birthday, with all our cousins! He was the Best, always quick with a smile!

We all have great memories of all the Strickland Butcher shops, especially the one on the Danforth and for me the one on Woodbine. It was from there that my Mother, Marjorie Strickland, had to leave the shop and hitch a ride on the back of a truck to make it to the East General Hospital to have me!

My condolences to his two sons Rob & Ryan and all his family, but especially Len.

I'll keep Bob and the family in my Prayers.

Thanks Bob & Len for keeping the Strickland Choice Meats tradition alive for so long!

Bill David (Cousin)

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Bill David - May 21, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DZ

“ For over 20 years, Strickland's was part of our weekly routine. Not just for the meat but also for the stories and laughs. Bob and Len were very much part of our family. We watched our children grow and become fine young adults, shared in our grief at the loss of our parents and the recent passing of Roberta. Sometimes I would stop by to just say hello and see how the "Boys" were. Bob had such a caring way about him and always treated his customers as friends. That was evident on any given Saturday when you walked in and everyone would greet each other by name. It was like the Cheers of the meat shops!! Our condolences to Len, Robbie and Ryan and their families on the loss of such a wonderful man. He will be deeply missed.

*Dorothy, Karl and Jenna Zahora.*

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**Dorothy Zahora** - May 19, 2018 at 05:50 PM

JH

“ Sorry to . hear of Bob's death. Not only have the Stricklands been great butchers, they've also been wonderful people.  
*Jim and Ginny Hughes*

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**Jim Hughes** - May 19, 2018 at 03:44 PM


TW

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Bob's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We have been fortunate to know Bob and Len for almost 30 years. It was always a pleasure to drop into their shop for a chat and always a laugh. He will be greatly missed.

*Tom and Margaret Whelan*

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**Tom Whelan** - May 18, 2018 at 03:41 PM

 Sunny  
Fong

“ *My deepest condolences to you. He was well loved in the neighbourhood and one of my favourite people to see on a regular basis. He ran the shop with such integrity. Our family have been customers of Strickland's for 50 years and treated my non-English speaking grandmother with such respect. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Sunny Fong** - May 18, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KB

“ *We will miss Bob terribly. We were customers for almost 20 years and remember Bob fondly as one of the friendly team of Bob and Len at Stricklands. Whenever we saw the 'Gone Fishing' sign go up, if we hadn't planned ahead and filled the freezer, then we would become vegetarians for a while. We never knew how long we would be when ducking into Stricklands on the way home, because sometimes we would get to chatting. It is hard for us to walk by the shop and not see Bob's smiling face looking back at us from the counter. Bob was a much-loved member of our community. Our deepest condolences to his family, and to Len's.*

*Kate Barker and Kim Henderson*

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**Kate Barker** - May 18, 2018 at 07:41 AM

AL

“ *Strickland's was one of the best discoveries after moving into the neighbourhood. THE best pork tenderloin, peameal and holiday turkeys. Bob introduced me to Moubrey pies that you were to have with port in the afternoon. (I added sliced fennel & black olives and told him to give it a try) He also got me onto their stuffed homemade pork. The BEST! Plus they had honey in the cone, which is very hard to find. I truly miss going in to visit & decide what to buy. All my sympathy to his family & friends, he was the loveliest of gentlemen.*

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**Anna Lefsrud** - May 18, 2018 at 01:02 AM

KK

“ A real gentleman and a sweet soul. It was always a joy to go to Strickland's Choice Meats and have a chat with him (and Len.) He will be truly missed.  
Condolences to his family and friends.

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**Karen Kenyon** - May 17, 2018 at 11:23 PM

AL

“ When we moved into the neighbourhood, one of the best things was Stricklands. Bob told me about Moubray pies that you cut up and have with port in the afternoon and I was hooked. (I added sliced fennel & black olives and told him to give it a try.) THE best turkeys, pork tenderloin & pea meal! Always such a pleasure to go in for a visit and shop, it really is not the same without him. All my sympathy to his family and friends, he was the loveliest of gentlemen. Anna

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**Anna Lefsrud** - May 17, 2018 at 11:13 PM

CK

“ We got to know Bob through our daughter Lauren. Although we only met Bob a few times we really enjoyed chatting with him and getting to know him. Lauren always spoke so well of Roberta and Bob, they were very good to her. She was lucky to get to know them even though the time was cut short. I know she loved them both. I am glad that Bob got to spend some time at our cottage - I understand he spent some time to enjoying the lake and paddleboard. Ryan and his brother were lucky to have such a kind and generous father and mother.  
Graham, Cindy & Julia Kaye

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**Cindy Kaye** - May 17, 2018 at 03:00 PM

MD

“ We were longtime customers of the Strickland family business and have fond memories of the family working together to serve their loyal customers especially at the holidays. Bob always had a smile for his customers and he will be missed by all who patronized the business. This is a great loss to the community.

*Mark and Rosemary*

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**Mark Dimuantes** - May 17, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Strickland.



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May 17, 2018 at 08:07 AM

LK

“ Bob holds a very special place in my heart. He was always so kind and welcoming to me.

*As Ryan's partner, I became very close with Bob over the years.*

*I will never forget the weekend we had with the Stricklands at my family's cottage. He was always so active and adventurous, he was better on our paddle board than I was! He impressed us all.*

*I would see him nearly every morning and we would exchange greetings. After his beloved wife passed, Roberta, he would always bring their dog (Scooter) up into the apartment I share with Ryan. Scooter would bark and bark every single time as if he was meeting us for the first time. Bob would always apologize but to be honest, it was really just nice to see his smile in the morning, it didn't matter if Scooter was waking up the neighbors (and the neighbors neighbors)!*

*I will never forget this one day. I was having one of those days where nothing seemed to be going the way I planned and Bob could tell that I was upset. He gave me a great big hug and told me he loved me. I told him I love you too, Bob. He always put others before himself. Always looking out for his two sons, Ryan and Rob. He always made me feel like part of the family.*

*I spent a short while working in Strickland Meats with Ryan, Bob and Len. He was excellent with his customers (even the rude ones)! Whenever a customer came into the shop that road a motorcycle, him and the customer would chat for what felt like forever about motorcycles. You could really tell that they were a passion of his.*

*Bob, you will be missed, there is no doubt about that. You were loved by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing you. Say hi to Roberta for us. My heart breaks knowing you are gone.*

*I love you Robert Strickland. Rest in peace. This isn't goodbye, we will meet again one day <3*

Lauren Kaye - May 16, 2018 at 04:28 PM

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Mike Toneri - May 16, 2018 at 02:39 PM

NM

*Roberta & Bob were wonderful nieghbours & friends. Both very giving & always had a kind word. Their children Robbie & Ryan grew up & played together with ours during the formative years. Terrific folks, they will be missed.our condolences to the family.*

norman mcmullen - May 17, 2018 at 05:49 PM

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Mike Toneri - May 16, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Strickland.*



May 16, 2018 at 02:11 PM

CK

“ I am glad we got to know Bob, he was a very kind and generous person. I am also pleased that he was able to spend some time at our cottage and explore our lake on a paddle board. Both he and Roberta were extremely kind to our daughter Lauren. I know he will be greatly missed by his sons and the rest of his family.  
Graham & Cindy Kaye

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**Cindy Kaye** - May 16, 2018 at 01:58 PM

MT

“ We never got the chance to ride motorcycles together again but the memories will never fade of our trips of long ago.



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**Mike and Lynda Toneri** - May 16, 2018 at 12:34 PM

RY

*thanks for posting these photos, I didn't think I would see them again.*

*Ryan.*

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**Ryan** - August 18, 2024 at 10:24 PM