



Ronald Garant

September 9, 2024

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With sadness in our hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved patriarch Ron Garant who left us peacefully on September 9, 2024 at the age of 88.

Ron was devoted to Valerie, the love of his life, his wife of 64 years having celebrated with dinner out a few weeks ago. He was a loving father to Bruce (Cheryl) and Gayle. He was so proud of and loved his grandchildren Michael (Kirsten), Brian (Nadia), Emma and Lacey - his grandpup who will miss her nightly belly rubs. Affectionately known to all as Poppa - his family meant the world to him - almost as much as horse racing and poker even though his bets rarely paid off. He made the best chili ever. Christmas always included his traditional tourtiere. Every year we raided the freezer hoping to find one he forgot about. He loved country music and Charles Aznavour. He worked as a Film Editor with the CBC for over 45 years, retired then decided to drive a limo as he loved to drive. He was an Usher at Maple Leaf Gardens in 1952 and a few years later he met his true love Val who was there working the Ballet. He continued to work at MLG until 1973 to make sure his son got a job there at age 11 (shhhhh - he was supposed to be 12!) He was a horrible painter - see the back of house on Gage Ave. He was an extra in the movies and taught line dancing with Valerie until Covid. He traveled the world.

He lived a full and wonderful life for 88 years - the last few thanks to the amazing people at Scarborough Centenary Hospital and Providence Palliative Care Unit. He was the poster boy for chemo dealing with 4 different cancers

for over a year and a half. He loved going out for a meal with friends or family, the off-track betting and poker at the neighbours. The T.V. was always on the horse racing channel (yes - there is one!), he hated to shop but always came home with a special treat for his wife Valerie. He said he didn't like animals but then you'd find him snuggling Lacey who he lovingly referred to as "his girl". He was fun, stubborn, silly, sweet, kind, loved to tease and loved to nap in his recliner. We were so lucky to have Poppa in our lives. He was so well cared for by all and we are truly grateful he was able to live his life to the fullest and then it was time to rest - he did so peacefully,

A private mass will be held for family. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 2 - 4 pm at 43 Angora Street. Please join us to toast and share memories.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, Providence Palliative Care Unit or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Gayle! So sorry to hear about your dad, he was a fun guy and loved his veal sandwiches. I know he will be sadly missed. Send our condolences to your mom and the whole family. Love Carol and Benny

ranelli - September 26, 2024 at 07:52 PM

MM

“ When I think of Mr. Garant, all I can bring up is smiles. When Gayle and I hung out at the Garant home in our high school days, Ron was always quite the charmer. You'll be missed you old smoothie and thanks for being the best dad ever. Your beautiful daughter Gayle is a pure indication of that. Rest in Peace my Friend. 🙏❤️



Marilyn Maia - September 18, 2024 at 07:17 AM

BM

“ The memories I have of almost 50 years will not fit on this page. I am so grateful for those memories, the fun times and the shenanigans that you, my Dad#2, Gayle my bestie for life and I pulled off. It was enough to make Mom #2 crazy. You have always lived life to the fullest and you have left behind a family that will miss you dearly. To my second family - you can look back with love and everlasting memories of what a wonderful man he was. Rob and I will remember you with fondness.

Betty and Rob Montoni - September 17, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MW

“ Dear Val, Gayle and Bruce,
Michael and I were remembering some of the good times we have had over the years... One memory that came to mind was a time many years ago when Ron and Val took us to see the Concert version of Les Miz at the Dome. In the middle of the performance they opened the Dome and we laughed as the eyes of the audience were all gazing upward to watch the "opening"... so many good times and wonderful memories..

Love,
Pat and Michael

Mike Waller - September 16, 2024 at 04:25 PM

DC

“ Dear Val, Bruce and Gayle. What a wonderful tribute to Ron. It describes him perfectly with his love for his family, his wicked sense of humour and his willingness to support sick horses through his contributions at the bookies.

We will miss him greatly and will always remember him fondly, especially our adventure to Florida and Dan and Yuri's wedding in Hawaii.

All our love, Euna Denis Dan Yuri and Euan

Denis Cairns - September 16, 2024 at 12:28 PM

PT

“ Phil Tanti lit a candle in memory of Ronald Garant



Phil Tanti - September 16, 2024 at 12:18 PM

SB

“ Sue brady lit a candle in memory of Ronald Garant



Sue brady - September 15, 2024 at 11:55 PM

HF

“ Dear Val and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Ron was always such a “bright light”at any function we enjoyed, he was full of fun and laughter. We know you will all miss him dearly, we share in your loss and sadness. Hope to see you soon. With our love David and Hilary Fletcher

Hilary Fletcher - September 15, 2024 at 02:51 PM