



Seymour "Sy" John Durbin

March 12, 2020

May 27, 1923 – March 12, 2020

FLYING OFFICER, AIR GUNNER –Veteran W.W.II - RCAF

It is with heavy hearts we have to say goodbye to Dad/Grandpa at the age of 96. He was surrounded by family in his final days at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, K1W.

Predeceased by our mother, Mary Anne Durbin in 2010 after 56 years of marriage and by siblings Ted, Gerry, Louis, Vernon, Betty and parents Rose and Alec. The last of 4 brothers who served overseas while the youngest was in Air Cadets. Lou never came home. Dad was proud to serve Canada.

After a short period of time in personnel and automobile sales, Dad found his calling as a High School Teacher, spending 10 years in the Windsor area and then 23 years in the North York Secondary School system at Victoria Park Secondary School where he finished his tenure as the head of Guidance.

Dad loved the cottage in Parry Sound where we were fortunate to spend our summers as teenagers, then as adults with our own families. We will miss his impromptu, campy folk songs, ukulele recitals and silly stories his granddaughters relished. Dad was always so good natured, generous and incredibly considerate of others.

Survived by sons Daniel (Philippa "Pip") and Vincent (Jessie) and her son Tian & his wife April, adored Grandpa to Caitlin and Danielle.

The Family would like to sincerely thank the incredible staff at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre. The compassion, care and love shown to Dad was

immeasurable and appreciated by the family beyond words. We would also like to thank the staff and caregivers at Delmanor Wynford and Providence Healthcare for their compassionate care.

Per Dads wishes, cremation will take place. There will be a private interment at a later date where Dad can join Mum.

If so inclined, charitable contributions can be made to the Sunnybrook Veterans Centre or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Some Fifty Years I've known Sy
But now it's time to say Goodbye
The cottage is where he loved to stay
With the family where they came to play
Those many years have gone so fast
But it's the memories that will last
From our family to yours our deepest condolences
Joe and Nancy*

Joe and Nancy - March 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DD

*Thanks so much Joe and Nancy
Very beautiful words.
Dan*

dan durbin - March 24, 2020 at 06:07 PM

AW

“ *I will never forget Mr. Durbin's gentle but firm nature in dealing with grade ten and eleven classmates and me. We were at an age when nothing was too silly, including bringing goldfish and turtles to pool class and at an outdoor gym class - competing to see who could take the longest to run the 1/4 mile.*

Thank you Mr. Durbin for your generous nature and persistence in educating an unruly bunch, who with your help became mature adults and decent citizens.

Allan West - Victoria Park Secondary School student - 1968 - 1971

Allan West - March 21, 2020 at 12:43 PM

DD

*Thanks Allan.
I graduated VP in 1976 so just missed you!
Dan Durbin*

dan durbin - March 21, 2020 at 03:38 PM

TG

“ *Seymour was my mother's (Paisley Goldsbie, nee Herman) first cousin; her father was Seymour's mother's brother. As a child I clearly remember large family gatherings, visiting with all my mothers' aunts and cousins. I know my mother participated in a 'cousins' club until a few years before her death and was greatly fond of Seymour, Anne and siblings. I'm sorry for your loss. Todd Goldsbie*

Todd Goldsbie - March 21, 2020 at 09:02 AM

DD

*Thanks Todd
Dan Durbin*

dan durbin - March 21, 2020 at 10:35 AM

AH

*I knew Sy from working in Victoria Park Secondary School, he was such a help with the Swim team programmes, he was a lovely person.
Angela Hickey*

Angela Hickey - March 24, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DK

“ A TRULY WONDERFUL MAN. SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM.

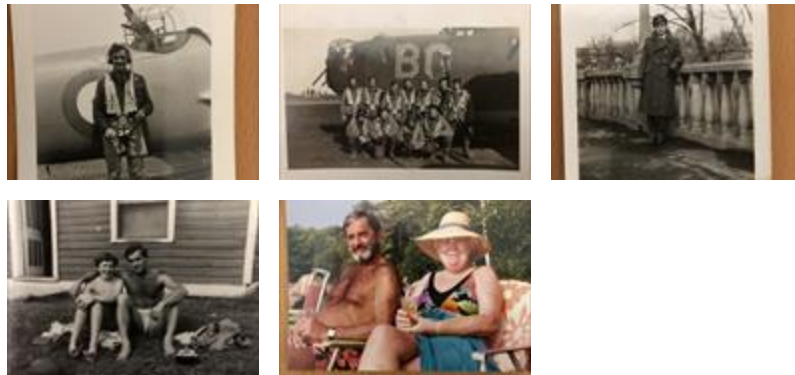
GOD BLESS AND STAY SAFE.

DON AND COLLEEN KERSHAW
KINGSTON ON

DON KERSHAW - March 18, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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vince durbin - March 18, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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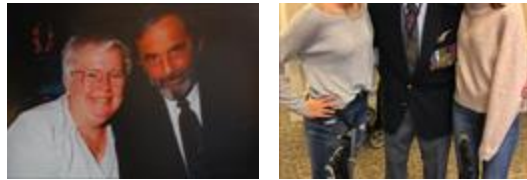
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vince durbin - March 18, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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Dan Durbin - March 18, 2020 at 11:49 AM