



## Tarmo Heyduck

February 6, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Tarmo Heyduck, suddenly on Sunday, February 6th. He will be greatly missed by his brother Raimo, sister Tiina, and his nephews and niece.

Tarmo was a long time resident of Jordan, Ontario and for his entire teaching career worked for the District School Board of Niagara, first as a teacher of history and English at Governor Simcoe Secondary School in St. Catharines, and subsequently as a Special Services Coordinator for the Board. In his spare time, while teaching and well into retirement, Tarmo committed himself to overseeing a correspondence course in creative writing. A truly dedicated educator.

He shared many fond memories of his fellow teachers and his students, many of whom he kept in touch with. Tarmo was also very active in and supportive of the Estonian community, be it Estonian summer camp, Toronto caravan festival and his fraternity, Vironia.

In the quietude of his cottage retreat and his home in Jordan, Tarmo surrounded himself with books and music, both of which he saw as “food for the soul”.

Summers, for as many as 25 years, were spent taking in the wonders of

nature on Melon Lake with his beloved dog Tiiko and his many friends and family.

Donations in memory of Tarmo can be made to the Estonian Foundation of Canada.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ To Tarmo,

*I will forever remember you for your candour, your wit, your quirky sense of humour, for your willful spirit and your stubborn ways. For your compassion and dedication to those you served in education, for opening your heart and mind to the simple art of listening and for your true presence for those in need, the universe thanks you.*

*Rest easy my good friend. ❤️*

*“Coney”*

*To Tiina and Raimo,*

*My heart aches for you in the sudden passing of your big brother Tarmo. I know the strong bond you have as siblings and know this will be such a difficult road to travel.*

*Sending wishes for peace, strength, love and the blessings of so many beautiful, shared memories.*

*Connie*

*Connie Benson*

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**Connie Benson** - February 20, 2022 at 09:58 PM

JT

“ *This is sad news, indeed. Tarmi was a friendly, intelligent and humorous person, with whom I was lucky to work with at the DSBN for several years. My condolences to the family.*

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**John Telford** - February 19, 2022 at 04:37 PM

TS

“ *Tarmo was a wonderful person and teacher! He had a big heart and helped change so many lives in our schools. My deepest condolences to his family, it was a privilege to work and learn from him.*

*Tracy Sacco*

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**Tracy Sacco** - February 19, 2022 at 03:24 PM

LG

“ *I'm so sorry to see Tarmo's passing. I knew him from a time when we were both at the Don Reilly Resource Centre with DSBN in Allanburg. Tarmo was so knowledgeable about Special Services and used this, along with a deep desire to make sure that every child's needs were met, to benefit all students. He was a genuinely nice person, easy to talk to, quick to share a laugh and always interested. He exuded a sense of peace and that will be missed.*

*Lorraine Giroux*

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**Lorraine Giroux** - February 19, 2022 at 01:48 PM

RS

“ *I had Tarmo as my grade 9 English teacher back in 79/80. Nothing but great memories and very inspiring. First adult and certainly teacher I got to call by his first name. A joke was going around at the time: Why do students call Tarmo by his first name? Because no one would believe his last name was Heyduck. Great times. He will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends.*

*Royston Spencer*

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**Royston Spencer** - February 19, 2022 at 09:22 AM

VC

“ I am so sad to hear of Tarmo's death. I knew him from the time he joined our Governor Simcoe staff, and appreciated his warmth, & humanity. He was just a lovely guy. My condolences to his family and friends, who I know will miss him immensely. The world is a poorer place without him.

Ginny Cobley

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**Virginia Cobley** - February 19, 2022 at 08:00 AM

BR

I recently learned and was saddened to hear of Tarmo's passing. We never met in person, but he guided me through a creative writing course via mail. His inspiration and dedication to my writings, left me with an enriched appreciation of fine writing and thought. I truly appreciate his insight into my compositions and left me with a skill I am still using today. Thank you Tarmo,

Beverlee Rombouts,  
Peterborough, Ontario.

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**Beverlee Rombouts** - November 25, 2024 at 10:50 PM