



Wilfrid Ernest Drury Peters

February 24, 2022

Wilfrid Ernest Drury Peters peacefully passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital on Thursday 24th February 2022.

Born December 22nd 1933 in Montserrat, West Indies he was the devoted and loving husband of Rachel, cherished father of Christopher and beloved brother of Gwendolyn, Winifred Roberts and Cicely (deceased). Ex spouse of Pat Peters and a friend to many.

Beloved brother in law of Cheryl Besson, Pat McIntosh (Andrew), Brian Besson (Donna), Ian Besson (Lystra), Janice Besson and Jacqui Gregoire (Gary).

Wilfrid fondly known as Wilf graduated from Queen's Law school in 1962 where he was the second black graduate. A long association with Queen's University ensued with Wilf serving on the Law Advisory Council (1994 -1999) and the University Council (1995 – 2007). Wilf spent his entire career in the Ontario Civil Service retiring as a senior law officer for the Attorney General and counsel to the Chief Electoral Officer. In 1984 he was awarded the designation Queen's Counsel.

The life and career of Wilf has been documented in the annals of the Osgoode Society.

Wilf's passing has left a deep void, we have lost a husband, father, brother, brother in law and dear friend. He will be missed.

No services will take place, as Wilfrid requested, but we do appreciate your love and support during this difficult time.

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“ Dearest Rachel, and Christopher, whom I babysat when you were just a small child. It was indeed a sad day to hear of Wilfrid's passing. One of my most treasured memory of Wilfrid's is his surprise wedding. We were all invited to a brunch at their home in Mississauga one Sunday, when all of a sudden, and to everyone's surprise, Jazz playing on his stereo system turned into Mendelssohn's Wedding March. It was most definitely a jaw-dropping awesome surprise to everyone. An amazing Sunday Brunch!! I miss you Wilfrid!!



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Ian Kennington - June 28, 2023 at 07:21 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and Christopher, Dorian and I are very saddened to learn of Wilf's passing. We both have many fond memories of liming at your home, you were both so welcoming to us 'young ones' at the time; debating politics and being introduced to rum with ginger ale. 😊 Your friendship and guidance were invaluable, and though we are seldom in touch, the family ties are irrevocable.

much love Hayley and Dorian.

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“ Dear Rachel and Christopher,

I am so sorry for your loss.

Wilf was a valued colleague and friend to me and a great many throughout his years with the Crown Law Office - Civil.

He was widely known as an accomplished and honourable gentleman and lawyer. His legal advice was highly valued within the Ontario government, as his research and opinions were always thorough, reliable, and spoke the truth.

And on a more personal note, I must say, he had real "style". His attire was classic (I recollect the Globe and Mail even featured him as a best dressed lawyer!), as was his blue convertible sportscar.

Wilf often spoke with pride of the many accomplishments of you Rachel and son Christopher.

He was one of a kind, and will be missed but not forgotten.

Michele (Micki) Smith

Michele (Micki) Smith - March 02, 2022 at 02:26 PM