



William John Batchelor

August 25, 2021

GOODBYE DAD

William John Batchelor was born February 19/1946. He was a son, brother, friend, uncle husband, father and grandfather. In stature he was a giant of a man that could hold a rooms attention and with his beautiful big heart, warm sense of humour and a kind hand, truly a gentle giant that wouldn't hesitate to give the shirt off his back.

He had many loves movies, music, sports, good food and being around people for examples. Dad always had a quick zinger or possibly a dirty joke and an incredible deep laugh that quite frankly made you laugh regardless if his joke was funny.

Dad played football, rugby, basketball(1 year), baseball and hockey with a passion as if he was a pro and even though he cherished all those games he most loved the beer time with his friends. His love for sports transcended way beyond his playing years as a coach he won multiple championships over multiple decades.

Dad is also imbedded in the city's fabric itself as he was part of the construction crews that built the TD centre and the Ontario science centre. He was a great husband, friend and father and will be missed sorely by so many having touched so many lives.

WILLIAM JOHN BATCHELOR

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I would like to pass on Karen and my sympathy and condolences to Sandy, Teddy, and Stephen and their families. Like Tommy Locke, I first met Batch when we all worked at the Dominion in Willowdale over 50 years ago. Bill worked in the Produce Department and was forever known for his fun, sense of humour, and shenanigans. Like walking down the aisle, hearing a phone ring, and picking up a banana and saying hello, and then turning to someone and saying 'it's for you!' Like many of us, I played hockey and baseball with Batch. He was the catcher and further to Whack's reference, we always remembered the sound of a plastic bag rustling while he caught. He wore it to lose weight; it used to drive the ump's nuts every time he moved. Batch later turned to coach hockey and took on the impossible task of trying to coach us who played on the Willowdale League tournament team. But we had a great time, especially on all those excursions to Trout Creek which was all the better because of the big guy behind the bench who kept us in stitches with his cracks about our effort and playing ability; or lack of. We never did win up there, but we always had fun. Batch used to love to recall those glory days, especially at Mike and Kileen's annual Christmas party, and even though we heard all the stories before, they never got old. Batch just had a way of telling stories, especially with that great laugh. Batch was one of a kind and was loved by all of us. We are going to miss you, Batch.

Bob and Karen Edmondson - September 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM

BD

“ *Sandy, Ted, and Steve - we were deeply saddened to hear about Bill.*

It was a great honor to be part of his extended family for these many years. He was always so welcoming and a pleasure to be around. Every time we would see him he would always have a huge smile on his face.

We will miss you dearly.

Brent, Mel, Ava and Luke

Brent Douglas - September 09, 2021 at 08:38 PM

BS

“Hard to believe that we had the great fortune of knowing "Batch" for approximately 50 years! Memories are bountiful and will always be cherished whenever we reflect upon our time spent with Bill and his family. From our days shared on the ball diamonds, hockey rinks, and at the dinner table at his apartment, we will always be grateful for the times we shared. Preparing for Janet and my wedding I can't help but recall the time our tailor was measuring Batch for his Tuxedo. The tailor had to get a custom made Tux shipped in from Montreal for the occasion to fit big Bill. He looked great in our wedding photos that we revisited recently. Another fond recollection was a hot summer afternoon we spent on the bleacher seats watching a fastball tournament. We had a cooler of cans of our favourite beverages but we also had some plastic sleeves that had pop logos on them that we attached to the outside of our beer cans. After enjoying several drinks I fondly remember this young lad saying to his mother that "Those two guys are practically falling off their seats and they are only drinking pop". To this day I still have those plastic can coverings and whenever I see them I'll always remember that afternoon. Piggy backing on Marco's recollection of the escapades at the Fort Garry Motel, a sight that will always be remembered was Batch running down the road with a beer in his hand ready to spray his next victim when a shout of "he dropped his ammo" could be heard as his bottle broke on the pavement. The sight of Batch hustling back in the pitch dark, clad in his jock strap, to his motel room that he shared with Marco and Donna being chased by some of his previous victims of a beer shower. There are so, so many more fond times that bring a smile to our faces that will forever be etched into our memories. Our sincere condolences to Sandy and the boys. His friends and teammates will always keep those times they were fortunate to share with Bill,

Janet and Bill Stefaniuk

Bill Stefaniuk - September 07, 2021 at 04:48 PM

SM

“ Dear Sandy, Ted, Steve and families

We were so sad to hear of Bill's passing. So many good memories of being friends for so many years - coaching minor hockey, being close neighbours at Parkway Forest, fun times at the cottage and, of course, lots of laughs. We are thinking of you all at this sad time.

Grant, Susan, Chris and Peter

Susan McKenzie - September 07, 2021 at 04:06 PM

JA

“ We have so many great memories, one that comes to mind is when we were in carpentry school we had to build a set of stairs ,when we put the two sets together we had made the same side oh we were in trouble till we found a set already made and use them as ours (we passed) we always laughed about that we miss you but we will meet again sparky, lynn and family



jack and lynn anderson - September 07, 2021 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ To many he was known as ‘Batch’ but to me and my brothers he was known as ‘uncle Bo’. A true gleam in the eyes of all those with a genuine sense of humour. He was the one who inspired me with many things from living life with laughter to doing everything with a competitive edge. My family spent countless Christmas Eve’s with Uncle Bo and Aunt Sam, Ted and Dawn which would leave us with soar cheeks from smiling and laughing non stop every time. Uncle Bo will be missed and carried on by many but his memory has been burned into my and my families souls and we’ll never forget the amazing man he was and continues to be through his sons and grand children.

Love and miss ya Uncle Bo

Xoxoxo

jesse scott - September 06, 2021 at 08:21 PM

DG

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of our long time friend , Batch . We were lucky enough to know him for over 46 years , meeting him while living in our first apartment . We have so many , larger than life , fond memories of Bill . Having played both fast ball and hockey with Batch I have many good memories and funny stories involving him . One of our funniest memories was sharing a room at the Fort Garry Motel while attending a fast ball tournament . The room was so small and the beds so close together that Donna had to stay awake to keep Batch from rolling into our bed , finally giving up and going out to walk on the highway . We will always remember his kindness , his laugh and the good times . Our deepest sympathies to Sandy and all his family . May all your memories of Bill bring you comfort . Our thoughts are with you and we are glad Bill is at peace .

Donna and Marco

Donna & Marco Guertin - September 06, 2021 at 07:40 PM

BH

“ Sandi and family, our very dearest friend for the past 60 years leaves a big hole in Jane and our lives. Everyone knew Bill's laugh, it was huge - everyone knew the heart for caring, it was huge and everyone knew when he walked in a room because his personality was huge. And could he tell a joke, which he did often as we shared "one beer" after a hockey game, baseball game, cricket game, many a card game well you get the drift. One thing about Bill is he had a fantastic memory. He could remember how many pitches a pitcher threw before the big hit or a play made in minute detail from ten years ago or any movie scene or actor's name from the most obscure movies and even when we made him look it up it would be proven that he was right, every time, wow. So with these many great memories and many, many more, he will truly be missed.

Bob Head - September 06, 2021 at 04:02 PM



Tom
Locke

“ I will always remember Bill as the man with the infectious laugh and big hearts. We had some memorable days together working at Dominion Stores as well as on the ball field with Canada Construction. I loved how he handled the emergence of light beer - "No problem," he said, "I just drink 6 beers instead of 4 !" And then he would laugh like hell.

He will be missed but not forgotten.

Tom Locke

Tom Locke - September 06, 2021 at 03:12 PM



JM

“ My ‘little’ brother Bill was ‘bigger’ than life in so many ways. His hugs were the cuddliest, his hearty laugh brought such joy and his jokes always cracked everybody up, even the corny ones. I have so many wonderful memories of good times together growing up, raising our families, backyard get togethers, family Christmas gatherings at your house where you had every wind-up toy every made and had them all going at the same time, weddings, phone chats and so much more. Your presence always filled up a room and I am going to miss you so much in so many ways. You were a great family man, Husband, Dad, Grampa, Brother and Uncle and anyone whom you called Friend also became family. You were ‘one of a kind’ and I loved you and always will. Rest in Peace and may the Angels wrap their arms around you and keep you safe, love ‘big sister’ June xoxo

June Aileen Moyle - September 06, 2021 at 03:11 PM

NK

“ A boatload of great, great memories. Perhaps the best story teller ever ... the big batch of shit would have us in stitches before he was even half way into to a story. The great times that we had from the baseball diamond (green garbage bags), to the Algonquin (baby powder), at the cottage (the assassin) to the Christmas parties (who could forget Buffo and Bilbo and his 2 large breasted elves), New Years Eve together, hockey ... the list goes on and on with Batch always at the center of the great times. Not a day will go by without me thinking of Batch in the middle of some outrageous situation. He will be forever in our thoughts.

Sam, Ted, Steve and extended family. please accept my deepest condolences.

Whack

Neil Kinney - September 06, 2021 at 01:04 PM

TB

“ Well "little Brother" We are surely going to miss you. Your smile, your laugh, your sense of humour will be with us for ever. I will really miss our Sunday morning phone chats, however I will continue our talks in my dreams. Love you Bro.
Ted”

Ted Batchelor - September 05, 2021 at 02:43 PM

TK

“ *Sandi, Ted, Dawn, Steve, Jen & Family,*

Our hearts are heavy and share with you these times of sadness. I hope that you can all find some peace & comfort through the many memories and the love and support of all your family & friends. Dad was genuinely an amazing man! Always so loving and kind. I will certainly miss his GINORMOUS hugs, big laughs, and will always cherish his many hilarious stories. Although we can no longer be together, know he will never stray from our hearts. His legacy will always remain.

Dad...We miss you dearly and we will continue to laugh as you would have wanted. Can't wait to hear all your new stories....until we meet again.

*Forever in our hearts & all our love,
Tiff & Carlos. xo*

Tiffany Kolenbrander - September 05, 2021 at 11:48 AM

ED

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was a friendly and very funny guy whom my daughter, Dawn loved. As she said in her tribute, she was treated as a daughter by both Bill and Sandi. He was always gracious when I visited them and very interested in knowing how I was doing after George, Dawn's dad, passed. Both Dad's praised how happy they were to see Dawn and Ted show their love for each other. I will miss you, Bill. R.I.P. and share a laugh with George when you special husbands and dads meet.💕💕💕*



Eleanor Douglas - September 04, 2021 at 12:43 PM

DB

“ Asking to pick a favourite memory is next to impossible when you have so many!!! I think my favourite times were our afternoon board game days. So many laughs and stories shared!!! Probably the best moment was when he gave a speech at our wedding!!! He welcomed me into the family and from that point forward always treated me as his daughter!! Family and friends were at the heart of his soul and I only hope our little family can always emulate that sense of being!!! Forever remembered in our heart..... love and miss you always!!

Dawn Batchelor - September 03, 2021 at 07:05 PM

SL

“ Saddened by this very unfortunate news. Mr. Batchelor was not only a very funny man, but a great mentor and coach. It's been sometime since I've seen Mr. Batchelor, but consider myself fortunate, along with many others, to have had Mr. Batchelor as a positive influence during the days of minor hockey...Many lessons learned, Both on and off the ice..and some lessons much harder others...a few of which were not realized until much later in life...Thank you Mr. Batch...Thank you for your time, for your patience, for your understanding and your direction.

My condolences to Mrs. Batchelor, Teddy, Steve and their respective families.

Shawn Lima

Shawn Lima - September 03, 2021 at 06:18 PM

EO

“ *Big Bill Batchelor was a lot of things: gentle giant, a loving father, husband, sports enthusiast, hard worker and most importantly a good friend..my good friend. Mr. B always accepted his son's friends with open arms and if you were lucky enough to be a close part of this family, that is exactly what he treated you like; his own. I have known Bill since I was about six years old and he has always treated me with great kindness and generosity. I will miss Bill for his GREAT sense of humor and quick wit but mostly I will miss engaging in the many great conversations we had between us and his eldest son Ted - great times that I will surely never forget. Thank you Bill and the rest of the clan for so lovingly accepting me into your family unit, you are all wonderful people polarized by an amazing bond built by the ever lasting caring of a dedicated father and loving mother. You will forever be missed and certainly never forgotten and we will celebrate you not only now that you are gone but as often as we feel the need to be comforted by thoughts of your sincere and honest greatness. Rest in peace buddy and rest assured that we will try to fill the void by laughing as loud as we can from time to time.*

*Much love and respect.
Engin Ogut*

Engin Ogut - September 02, 2021 at 09:58 AM

DS

“ *So many amazing memories...it would take a lifetime to recall all the fun we had with the Batchelor family...Bill was larger than life...that laugh...his big heart and huge hugs...we love you "Batch"...The Snow Family...Dianne, Todd & Pam*

Dianne Snow - September 01, 2021 at 02:51 PM