



William (Bill) Lloyd Reading

December 4, 2023

Bill Reading passed away peacefully on Monday, December 4th, 2023, at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, at the age of 95.

Bill was born in Toronto's Riverdale district in 1928 and was the "baby" of a family of 4 children. Taken care of by his doting sisters Gertrude (Skyvington) and Madeline (Fiddes) and brother Mickey. Dad was full of fantastic stories of Toronto in the early days.

Educated at Danforth Technical Collegiate, Bill was a sporty type with a mischievous sense of humour and wild blonde hair. He joined the cadets and trained as a Signaller during the Second World War but peace was declared before he was deployed. He loved music and dancing at the Palais Royale, cottaging with friends and a good game of cards be it poker or bridge.

The turning point for Dad though was meeting the young Elizabeth Rootham at Bigwinn Inn on Lake of Bays in the summer of '47. He fell head over heels in love and they dated for 5 years before tying the knot 71 years ago. She was the light of his life, and he was hers.

Bill worked for IBM and travelled all over the province and later began his own business, but his proudest achievements were the births of his son Brad and daughter Barbara. In turn he was blessed again with four incredible

grandchildren, Karina and Angela Reading and Cameron and William Valcic. And to make life even better he was able to charm his first great grandchild, Lucky Evangeline. Dad always considered his daughter in-law Melissa and son-in-law Peter as his own and was so happy to welcome Lucca and Luc, partners of his granddaughters, into the fold.

A celebration for Bill will take place Saturday, December 9th, 2023 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 305 Morrish Rd, Scarborough, Ontario from 1:30 to 4:30pm.

In lieu of flowers the family would ask that if you wish, donations can be made to the wonderful staff in the Cardiac Care department of Scarborough Centenary Hospital through the Scarborough Health Network (SHN) site.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

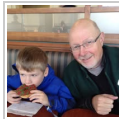
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258
305 Morrish Road
Toronto, ON M1C 1E9 (CA)

Tribute Wall

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“ Back in the day, when our children were young, we used to visit with Bill and Elizabeth and sing them Christmas carols. Always a warm reception and visit! Bill was always smiling and grateful we came. Sadly we are unable to celebrate his life with his family but know that we are deeply sorry and our thoughts are with Elizabeth and the family. Love Karen and David Longhorn.

Karen Longhorn - December 06, 2023 at 04:21 PM



We have very fond memories of family gatherings with uncle Bill and Aunt Elizabeth. In particular Bill and Elizabeth opened up their home for a Rootham family reunion for which the entire family will always remember with great fondness. Bill and I would share many stories of working for IBM and the typewriter business. In a “it’s a small world” kind of story, Bill occasionally frequented the local Royal Canadian Legion where my school buddy who also retired from IBM was president and knew Bill personally. Barb and I are grateful to have known such a wonderful person!

Larry Rootham - December 08, 2023 at 10:07 AM