



## Mr. Charles Ridley "Rid" Groves

January 26, 2020

Groves, Charles Ridley "Rid" WWII R.C.A.F. Pilot, Aircrew Training, (B.Sc. Forestry, U of T, 1950)

Peacefully passed away at Grove Park Home in Barrie on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at the age of 97 years. Beloved husband of Agnes, dear father of Kathryn Ann (Kate) Groves, predeceased by son Robert Charles and by sisters Joyce Walton and Valerie Mais. Proud uncle of John Walton, Anne Tidbury, Sue Polera and Gregory Mais. He was a long term Superintendent of the Midhurst Tree Nursery [RIP 1984], Member of the Probus Club of Barrie, Former Councillor for Vespra Township, Mason, former President & Director of the Huronia Symphony, Barrie.

Rid was a humble man who walked through life with dignity and integrity. He was well-respected in all of his community endeavours: those who knew him were aware of his love of flying, his deep appreciation of nature & classical music and his tremendous patience restoring antique furniture as a labour of love for his family. A true gentleman and a man of his era, Rid will be greatly missed.

Guests will be received at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home., 30 Worsley St., on Saturday, February 15th, 2020 from 12 p.m. until the time we celebrate Rid's life inside the Chapel at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Huronia Symphony or the Probus Club of Barrie and are greatly appreciated. Online condolences and memories may be left at [www.steckleygooderham.com](http://www.steckleygooderham.com)

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home Worsley Street Chapel  
30 Worsley Street, BARRIE, ON, CA, L4M 1L4

**FEB** **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Kate and Agnes, I have always remembered Rid's kindness and patience and warmth. How lucky you were to have him in your lives. Warm thoughts to you both.  
~ Janet Peacock

**Jan Peacock** - February 20 at 07:57 AM

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“ Anthony Caria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Ridley "Rid" Groves



**Anthony Caria** - February 16 at 12:16 AM

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“ Good memories and sweet stories, they come into our lives like pennies from heaven...reminding us in small, unexpected ways that we have loved and been loved. Here's to the man who knows who he is and where he stands, the man with enough confidence in his own beliefs that he isn't afraid to let others express theirs...Here's to the man who doesn't claim to know the answers until he has tried to understand the questions, the man with the strength to hold an unpopular opinion and the courage to change his mind... Here's to the man whose warmth and wisdom, caring and devotion have earned him the respect of his friends and family and made his home a place of harmony and love. While you are now absent from our eyes know that you are not absent from our hearts Rid. May the peace of Christ be with you all at this time.

Love & God Bless; Wendy & Kim Creasey & Jenny

**Wendy & Kim Creasey** - February 14 at 07:08 PM

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“ Such sad news, Kate - sending you hugs. Your dear Father, 'Mr Groves', was a lovely, gentle, wise man - I treasure having known him and his patience in helping me refinishing an antique dresser (45ish years ago) which I still have & love today. I'm sorry I'll miss the Service.  
Cathy (Hamilton) McConnell

**Cathy McConnell** - February 13 at 05:37 PM



“ Daniela Ciccolini lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Ridley "Rid" Groves



Daniela Ciccolini - February 13 at 09:30 AM

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“ Rid always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. Such a gentleman. I've never seen anyone more in love than Rid and Agnes. Rid you will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting you and getting to know you. R.I.P

Daniela Ciccolini - February 13 at 05:44 AM

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“ K. Groves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Ridley "Rid" Groves



K. Groves - February 06 at 10:11 PM

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“ Rid was a true gentleman. Always so grateful for what everyone had done for him. He will be missed for sure by family. He adored Agnes and took care with great love and admiration. Kate he will miss you so much for loving care you have given all through his living days. Always talk about you and how proud he was to have you as his little girl who had become a woman of such success. Take care Rid and sleep well.

Lora-Lee Starr - January 31 at 04:52 PM

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“ We first met Rid at Pembroke in the late 1950's and our paths crossed annually at the MNR retiree's picnic since the 1980's. Our sympathy to Agnes and family. Ken and Ets Irizawa.

**Ken Irizawa** - January 30 at 10:58 AM



“ I would like to share a story with you of the kind of man Rid was. Years ago, Kate and I were visiting her parents when they lived in the house on the nursery at Midhurst. Rid was the superintendent of the tree nursery at that time and had access to government vehicles. It was a Saturday and he had to drive into town to pick something up and asked if I wanted to come along. I said sure and I walked toward the government pick-up truck parked outside the garage. He turned to me and said no, we will be using his car. Puzzled, I asked why, he replied, it is a government vehicle and is not to be used for personal use. I thought to my self, but who would ever know?

To this day I never met anyone who lives by Rid's principals of honesty, integrity and morality. I am afraid not only I will miss this man but the world will miss a man like Rid.

**Brent** - February 06 at 11:15 PM