



Mr. Gordon Read

December 2, 2017

Read, Gordon Henry Hale

Peacefully passed away in Barrie Ontario on December 2, 2017 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of the late Catherine MacKinnon Read. Survived by daughters Elspeth Read (Terry Lewis), Diana Read Miedema and grandchildren Joseph Miedema (Christianne), Esther Lysakovskiy (Maxim), James Miedema (Laura), great grandchildren George, Henry and Luke and girlfriend Doreen Justin. Predeceased by son Ian Walter Read. Guests will be received for a celebration of life gathering at the Waterford Retirement Community, 132 Edgehill Drive, Barrie on Friday December 8, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Arrangements entrusted to Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, Barrie, Ontario. Donations to your local Alzheimer's society to further Gord's efforts to help fight this devastating disease in lieu of flowers are greatly appreciated. On line condolences and memories may left at www.steckleygooderham.com

Gord left us. He was in no pain and the people at RVH in the palliative care ward were great. Dad was a cat....he just stopped eating and let nature take its course. I told him when Mom died that I'm too young to be an orphan and we have had the most amazing 5 years. We were the 3 amigos, Dad Terry and I, and we could take on the world. I saw a post making fun of Trudeau for having tears in his eyes. Men like Dad and him are the real men, not the macho guys. Dad was a hockey player and could be very strong and not give in especially when it came to supporting the good human traits like compassion, kindness, caring for people in need...he believed in talking not fighting because he saw the futility in fighting. He could also be gentle and loving to humans and animals. He had tears when he was sad like when he and I had to take Heidi (dog) in to put her down. He was a real hands on Dad decades before that became more the norm. Gord was a half full kind of guy. He was always looking for the best in people and finding hope in every situation. He laughed a lot, had a wicked sense of humour and liked to tease. He planted a vegetable garden down east but the deer ate most of it. He planted again the next year because the deer were so beautiful to watch! All the people at RVH who have worked with him have commented on how nice and how patient he is, how kind and friendly. He has touched so many people's lives in such a

positive way. Can't ask for a better legacy.

Elsbeth

My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world.

Jack Layton

Events

DEC **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Waterford Retirement Community
132 Edgehill Drive, Barrie, ON, CA

Comments



“ We all miss Gord very much, especially our mom, Doreen. Gord was so kind and thoughtful and we had many good visits together sharing life stories and jokes. Gord was a dear friend and companion to our mother. He was very patient and understanding of her needs. Gord spent holiday dinners with our family and we will miss him at the dinner table Christmas Day. Take care Elspeth and Terry and keep the fond memories close to your heart. We do. Doreen, Karen and Brian and family

Karen Sinclair - December 16, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Elspeth and Diana, Greatly saddened to read in this morning's Chronicle Herald of the death of your father. Although 89 years is a ripe old age, it is always too soon to lose a beloved father - or any father, for that matter. I have such fond memories of Gordon, especially his kind ways and wonderful sense of humour. The photo posted with the obituary even captures somewhat the twinkle in his eyes, and an expression showing him on the verge of coming out with something witty. We were on various Boards at the Wolfville Baptist Church together, were good friends beyond church affairs, and I was sorry to see them leave Wolfville for the South Shore. Quite simply: I loved him. We gradually lost touch (they came infrequently back to the town, and, as I have no car, am pretty much town-bound), but I have a lovely lithograph your parents gave me hanging on my wall as a reminder, and, while it has been filled with students since they left, their house on Linden is still theirs to me. The renovations your Dad made to the house made it ideal, though, for student occupancy. I'll be with you in spirit at the Celebration of Life gathering this afternoon. There is much to celebrate! My sincere condolences, Janet Kirkconnell kirkconnell@ns.sympatico.ca

Janet Kirkconnell - December 08, 2017 at 12:45 PM