



Mr. Wallace Finley

February 3, 2020

FINLEY, Wallace Charles - Peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario on February 3, 2020, at the age of 96 years. "Wally" was the beloved husband of the late Elaine Ann Finley through 65 years of marriage. He was the loving father of Christine Wightman (Joseph), James Finley (Madeleine), Patricia Leclerc (Côme), Charles Finley and the late Joseph Finley (surviving spouse Cara). Cherished grandfather of Andrew (Kim), Beth (Brett), Peter (Stacy), Michael (Kayla), Megan (James), Angela, Stephen, Melanie (Mukesh), Renée, Austin (Alina), Jacqueline and great-grandfather of Claire, Luke, Rose, Ryan, Evelyn, Margaret, Nicholas, Nevan, and Ava. Wally leaves his loving sister Diane Molloy of Calgary and was pre-deceased by his brother Donald Finley of Toronto. Wally was born in Toronto, Ontario, graduating in civil engineering from the University of Toronto in 1946. He spent much of life and career in Kapuskasing, Ontario, where he married Elaine Ann Van Domelen and where his children were born. He worked his way up from an entry-level engineer right out of school with Spruce Falls Inc. to become the President of the company in 1972. He joined Donohue Saint-Félicien Inc. in 1976 where he learned to speak French and oversaw the construction of a new kraft pulp mill in the Lac St. Jean region of Québec. Wally then became Executive Vice President of Operations with parent company Donohue Inc. in Quebec City before retiring in 1988. He and Elaine moved to Barrie, Ontario and he spent his retirement years regaling audiences with his beautiful singing voice as part of the Barrie County Chordsmen and Vocal Maturity singing groups. He was an avid golfer, curler, the outgoing "life of the party", leader of the family, always with wise counsel and a song to match every occasion. His family and many friends all miss him greatly and are honoured to have been part of his full and accomplished life.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests making a donation to the charity of your choice.

Events

FEB **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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

FEB **Reception** 12:00PM - 01:30PM

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FEB **Interment** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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St. Mary's Cemetery
208 Sunnidale Road, Barrie, ON, CA, L4N 1H3

Comments



“ Sincere condolences to Christine, Jim, Patty and Charlie (and families). Wally stood out in many ways. I remember him as a caring, welcoming man with a great wit and a voice of the ages. Rest In Peace.

Charles Faust - March 20 at 10:38 AM



“ Our condolences to all your family during this difficult time. RIP Wally. Your journey has ended and you are now reunited with your dear Elaine.

Huguette & Gerry Smith - March 07 at 07:11 PM



“ Patricia and Family, our sincere condolences on the loss of your Father. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Love from the Filion Family of Kapuskasing, Karen, Jean, Chloe and Justin.

Karen Filion - February 24 at 08:35 AM



“ To Patricia and family,
My most heartfelt condolences.

Colette Drisdale

Colette Drisdale - February 09 at 06:36 PM



“ Deepest condolences to the family of Wally. I was always so impressed by the wonderful caring person I met and knew. I was so fortunate to be a babysitter for you young ones. YOUR dad was always so caring and loving to you all. So sad for your great loss of this caring man. RIP friend Wally.

EVELYN Zagrodne Berryman - February 09 at 10:17 AM



“ Charles, Christine and Family so sorry for your loss!
Wally will always be in my thoughts and have a special place in my heart!
We shared a lot of laughs and hugs! He had such a great sense of humour, he will be missed by all!
The Wally Special I will always remember it took me a while to get it down pat but finally I did it and he was always so happy when I remembered !
His kind and sweet disposition brightened many days at mom's restaurant!
My sincere Sympathy to the whole Finley Family
Heidi Egli, the swissmiss

Heidi Egli - February 08 at 03:28 PM



“ On behalf of the staff and management of The Original Mom's Restaurant we send our sincere sympathy to Wally's family. We will miss seeing Wally (and his family) on a regular basis and will always remember the "Wally Special". It was always a pleasure seeing Wally and sharing a smile and some conversation. We will miss you!

Val, Ang and staff.

Val - February 08 at 11:40 AM



“ On behalf of the 50 Plus Card Group, we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Wally's family. We always enjoyed Wally joining us for Bid Euchre on Tuesday evenings. He always had a smile and we will miss him.

Barb Goodwin - February 07 at 05:45 PM



“ Wally,,I will miss you at the Golf Course,,your smile,and wit,always had time to say hello,,farewell my friend,,a true gentlemen,,J.Wood

Jeff Wood - February 07 at 01:02 PM



“ Charles and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope your memories of his life continue to have a positive impact on yours.

In sympathy,

Steve Kresak



“ I am saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend and fellow singer. Wally will always be remembered as a wonderful singer and someone who had a song for every occasion. We will miss him greatly in Vocal Maturity. He was always upbeat, enthusiastic, patient and polite - a true gentleman. My sincerest sympathy to the family.



Marilyn - February 06 at 03:34 PM



“ Dear Pat and family. Our deepest condolences for the loss of your father! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time! Xoxo

Carole & Bill Swain - February 07 at 09:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Wally's passing. He will always be in my memories as part of my growing up at Remi Lake. At other times I liked to follow him out the door after dinner while he took a cigar for a walk. I can't remember him ever without a smile.



Bill McGrath Jr. - February 06 at 02:17 PM



“ So sorry to learn of our friend Wally's passing, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family. He certainly lived a long and bountiful life, and touched the lives of so many others in doing so. He'll be deeply missed, certainly by his family, but also by the others he knew through his many interests.
Sincere Sympathy, Stan and Bonnie Walker

Stan & Bonnie Walker - February 06 at 10:11 AM



“ I have lost a kindred soul and share your grief. Many happy memories of a true friend. May choirs of angels carry Wally to his well earned rest.

Bill McGrath

William R McGrath - February 05 at 05:23 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family of Wally Finley , he will be missed especially by all the Barbershoppers he ever sang with. He is singing with the Holy Choir now.

Stephen Cave - February 05 at 02:44 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. We have many, happy memories of Uncle Wally down at the Van Domelen family cottage! You are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Van Domelen Family
Betty, David, Lynn, Peter, Aaron, Janna and Noah Van Domelen



David Van Domelen - February 05 at 10:37 AM



“ Charles, Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. You are in our thoughts and hearts.

Vaska and Guy - February 05 at 10:32 AM



“ Our hearts are saddened by the loss of your dear dad and grandpa. Beautiful memories of your dad are treasured in our hearts forever. Lise & Marc Lapierre

Lise & Marc Lapierre - February 04 at 06:17 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the entire family. May peace and comfort find you during this very difficult time.

Donald Leclerc - February 04 at 03:33 PM