



## Mr. Wayne Bjorgan

January 26, 2019

BJORGAN, Wayne Erling

Passed peacefully, surrounded by his children, on Jan 26th, 2019 in his 80th year at RVRHC in Barrie. Wayne was beloved father to Tracey (Bob), David and Christel (Ed).

Papa to Mackenzie,

Savannah, Kaitlin, Ben and Hannah. Loving son of the late Earl and Grace Bjorgan. Big brother to Donna, Karolyn, Dale, Deborah and Terri. Wayne shared a special relationship with step-daughter Andrea and her children Alexxa, Cale, Nikella and Tommy and will be missed greatly by them.

Born in St Walburg, Saskatchewan, Wayne was a prairie boy at heart. He moved to Barrie in 1961 where he began his 30-year career in broadcasting and was a well-respected and long-serving citizen of Barrie with many contributions and accomplishments to his name. He was one of the founding members of the 'Christmas Cheer' gift campaign (and the one who came up with the name); the News Director, General Manager, and then the President at CKBB radio station; Executive Director for 10 years fundraising at Georgian College Foundation; Previously served on the Board of Directors for the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie and Seven South Street Treatment Centre of Orillia; Dedicated to fundraising for the Barrie Public Library, RVH, Hospice Simcoe and Georgian College Foundation; and a long-standing member of the Rotary Club. Wayne enjoyed his Austin Healey roadster, golf, boating and was a life-long bird watching enthusiast.

Visitation will take place at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie on Saturday, February 2nd from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Cremation to follow, with a celebration of Wayne's life to be announced in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Rotary Club of Barrie would be greatly appreciated. Online memories and condolences may be forwarded via <http://www.steckleygooderham.com>

May 26th South Shore Community Centre 12-2pm

Please come and celebrate the life of Wayne Bjorgan on this day, as we all gather to join friends, colleagues and family to reminisce his remarkable life. Refreshments provided, with speeches and special presentations to commence at 1pm. All welcome, please drop by to

say hello and share a memory.

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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

**FEB** **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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

**MAY** **Reception** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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South Shore Community Centre  
205 Lakeshore Dr., Barrie, ON, CA

# Comments

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“ Thank you to everyone who took the time to share a memory or condolence about my Dad, on behalf of my entire family, we are overwhelmed with the comments and thankful for your words.

Tracey Bjorgan-Sittek

Tracey Bjorgan-Sittek - February 12, 2019 at 09:34 PM

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“ Dear David, Tracey, and Christel,

I just wanted to say how sorry I was to hear about the passing of your father. Clearly, he was not only a man with talent and energy, but also someone who enjoyed life and cared very much about making his community better for everyone.

Wishing you, your mother, and your families the comfort of those you love, good health, and much happiness in the future,

Margaret Finney

Margaret Finney - February 04, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences to Tracey, David and Christel and your families. I was honoured to work with Wayne at Georgian College and prior to that, through my role at the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce when he was Manager at CKBB. Wayne was an inspiration to so many of us! I will miss his words of encouragement, his wonderful sense of humour and his kind, thoughtful ways.  
Gloria & Bill Evans



Gloria Evans - February 02, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ Tracey, David, and Christel we are very sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences and know that we are thinking of you, and Marilyn, at this difficult time.

**Barb Wood** - February 02, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ Wayne hired me at CKBB-CB right after I graduated college. We had some great times all those years ago. I continued to run into him periodically over the years. The last time was in 2017. He had found out I was working in a retirement home close to his. He came looking for me on his scooter a couple of times but I wasn't working. He was persistent. He found out when my next shift was and surprised me. I was stunned to see him that day and we had the most wonderful visit. It really touched my heart that he put such effort into coming to see me. I am so sad to know he is gone. My heart goes out to his family.

**Nancy Tomkinson** - February 02, 2019 at 08:46 AM

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“ When I first met Wayne, I was 8 years old and sitting at a large table filled with adults friends and family I had just met. I'll never forget how, when he saw me standing awkwardly by myself, he kindly chose to sit beside me and showed such interest in what I had to say. At this same event, I had been asked to stand up and say a few words but was absolutely terrified - so he stood up on my behalf and spoke for me, somehow understanding exactly what I wanted to say. He was such a smart, kind, witty and chivalrous man and I was blessed to get to know a bit over the course of his life. He will be missed.

**Erin Charnish** - February 01, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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“ Wayne will be missed. We always enjoyed his sense of humor and his caring for others. - Evelyn from the Waterford

**Evelyn** - February 01, 2019 at 09:08 PM

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“ Dear Tracey, David and Christel

I was so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of your father. I read his obituary and was taken by his very full and active life. His selfless devotion to others in Barrie made a difference to many. You must all be so very proud of his accomplishments. I hope the many happy memories you have of him will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely  
Molly McIntyre

**Molly McIntyre** - February 01, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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“ Thanks so much for the Memories Wayne

Boating trips, how he love boating, and family Dinners and Photography he was the family Photographer. Special Memories of how good he was to my Mother. Be strong stepdaughter Andrea, Wayne would want that. Thanks again for the Memories Dear Brother in Law.

Ross Tomlinson

**Ross Tomlinson** - February 01, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ Deepest condolences to Tracy, David, Christel and stepdaughter Andrea, my dearly beloved niece. I have not seen Wayne for many years since we moved to Alberta in 1999. The picture in Wayne's obituary is how I remembered him. Wayne became my brother in law when he married Carol on that cold December day in a quaint little chapel. I remembered when Wayne was dating Carol his nickname for her was "Lilbit" and he bought her a license plate called LILBIT. Wayne was always a gentleman and kind to my sons. Wayne had a sweet tooth and so did I and my sons(Andrea's ) cousins. I remembered that my mother in law kept a candy drawer stocked with candies for Wayne and myself and my sons. When we would go to visit her my sons and I would to Bracebridge we would raid the candy drawer and on leaving her home I would say to her "tell Wayne that the Tomlinson mice raided the candy drawer.

Wayne will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Anne Marie Tomlinson

**Anne Marie Tomlinson** - February 02, 2019 at 07:32 PM

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“ Sending warm thoughts to Tracey, David, Christel and families... I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sure you will continue to see him in each other, as your Dad lives on through you and his grandkids. Thinking of you and sending virtual hugs... Sonya

Sonya - February 01, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Tracey, David & Christel at the passing of your father; he has left quite a legacy. Want you to know my thoughts are with all of you at this sad time. Reg McCurdy.

Reg McCurdy - January 31, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Wayne. I last spoke to him on the occasion of CKCB Collingwood's 50th anniversary. We shared many laughs about the cast of characters that sat behind the microphones at Barrie Broadcasting over the years. Wayne was the General Manager of CKBB 950 – CKCB 1400 when I began my broadcasting career as a high school student. He always had time to talk to me and we stayed in touch over the years. Nobody read a better newscast than Wayne Bjorgan. He was an outstanding broadcaster. Wayne was a mentor to many, myself included.

--Paul Richards

Paul Richards - January 30, 2019 at 04:41 PM

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“ Goodbye dear Wayne. I will miss you.  
I loved your personality and sense of humour, and I will always remember your kindness and care towards me.  
You have left a mark on many people's lives, especially mine  
x Always in my thoughts x Zoe



Zoe Davies - January 30, 2019 at 10:18 AM

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“ Lisa Skinner-Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**lisa Skinner-Campbell** - January 30, 2019 at 08:22 AM

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“ I am so very sorry Andrea Callan to hear of your step fathers passing. I know how much he meant to you. You spoke so highly of him. Much love and Sympathy  
Judy and Mark Morphet

**JMorphet** - January 30, 2019 at 07:40 AM

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“ You will be missed Wayne! You were such a kind, genuine and charismatic man. I didn't know you very long but I'm very honoured to have met you. Rest peacefully!

**Amber Skrabek** - January 29, 2019 at 10:16 PM

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“ It was a great honor to have met such a kind, genuine person you will be missed



**Robyn Yuill** - January 29, 2019 at 09:18 PM

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“ I was so very shocked to hear of your passing. I'm sad you didnt get to see your Waterford family before you left but I will cherish your phone call just a few short weeks ago, you settling into your new home and your cheerful voice how you were being treated like a king and you couldn't wait for us to come and visit!! You truly were a joy to be around Wayne your daily conversations weather it be a serious one, or one of our many laughable ones. You Sir left me with a wonderful memory of you that I will take on my journey through life.

**Tara Yuill** - January 29, 2019 at 09:15 PM

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“ Shelley Verkerk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Shelley Verkerk** - January 29, 2019 at 08:52 PM



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I loved your personality and sense of humour, and I will always remember your kindness and care towards me.  
You have left a mark on many people's lives, especially mine  
x Always in my thoughts x Zoe

**Zoe Davies** - January 30, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ You were a joy to be with on our trips to Orillia. R.I?P dear Wayne Joan. Aikins

**Joan** - January 30, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ My heart is heavy, but what a true blessing it was to know such a truly kind and genuine human being. I miss our daily chats and how you always made me laugh. Wayne, you reminded me so much of my own father and you will always hold a very special place in my heart. It was truly a pleasure to know you.  
Much love to David, Tracy and family. Love, Shelley.

**Shelley Verkerk** - January 29, 2019 at 08:51 PM

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“ Heather Hargreaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Heather Hargreaves** - January 29, 2019 at 08:12 PM

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“ Wayne hired me for my first full-time job in radio right out of high school. He was a caring and patient person to work for and stuck with me despite my inexperience. So many great memories of a kind and generous person. RIP Mr. Bjorgan

**Kori Skinner** - January 29, 2019 at 08:03 PM

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“ Brittney Jewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Brittney Jewer** - January 29, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ I had the privilege to cook and bake for Wayne and his family at the Waterford. He was an amazing person with an incredible past. RIP Wayne, you will be missed but never forgotten

**Brittney Jewer** - January 29, 2019 at 07:41 PM

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“ Brenda Fairhall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Brenda Fairhall** - January 29, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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“ Every Barrie broadcaster past, present and future owes Wayne a debt of gratitude. Wayne helped lay the foundation for a vibrant central Ontario radio community that we now hear today. What a legacy. Whether it was seeing him out at the golf course at Bear Creek or around town, Wayne always made time for you. My condolences to his family.

**Jamie Hall** - January 29, 2019 at 07:22 PM

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“ so grateful to have met you Wayne, you brightened my days when no one else could. Always put a smile on my face and without a doubt could always make anyone laugh. you will be missed more than you know, rest in paradise many thoughts and prayers to Wayne's family during this time

**Ashley** - January 29, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Wayne's family in their time of grief. Thoughts and prayers to Carol and Wayne's stepdaughter Andrea whose love devotion and gentle kindness was displayed daily.  
Prayers and blessing to all family members.

**Catherine Smith** - January 29, 2019 at 04:08 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to his family and friends. I met Wayne while I was working at the retirement home he lived in. He will always be very special to me. He was one of the most wonderful human beings I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Rest peacefully Wayne.

**Tegan Jones** - January 29, 2019 at 04:00 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Wayne when I was a city council member in Barrie. He was a wonderful human being. Patricia Copeland

**patricia copeland** - January 29, 2019 at 03:26 PM

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“ Andrea, my love and sympathy are with you at this time. Your relationship with Wayne was very special and I know he loved you dearly. I am sending lots of hugs and thoughts to you, Gren and the kids. Hug your Mom for me. Please extend my condolences to Tracy and David.



**Lynn Reid** - January 29, 2019 at 02:46 PM

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“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Donna** - January 29, 2019 at 02:01 PM

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“ Do sorry for the family, and Andrea, I know how you loved your step Father may everyone find peace and keep the good memories close to your heart.

**Donna Williamson** - January 29, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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“ Shelly Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Bjorgan



**Shelly Adams** - January 29, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Blue for the bluebird of Paradise

**Shelly Adams** - January 29, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ Memories of Wayne with Andrea his step daughter come to mind while they lived on Blake St in Barrie . He as so good to her ... Savoured memories

**Donna Williamson** - January 29, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Memories way back in the 80's when Wayne and Carol spent summers enjoying boating on Georgian Bay. He was so thrilled and happy to get out onto his boat, Although time has passed, my heart goes out to the silent grievers for it is a loss for them as well.

Condolences

**Donna** - January 29, 2019 at 02:35 PM

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“ Uncle Wayne gave me a teddy bear when I was 4 years old.  
54 years later, I still have it.  
Cherished memories of a thoughtful, “I’ve got your back” man.  
Peace and prayers to so, so many who loved him



**Shelly Adams** - January 29, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ When in school they tell you, don’t get attached! Anyone in the healthcare field will know, that is so beyond hard to do when you come across someone who has touched your heart in so many ways! Working at The Waterford I’ve met so many amazing people, Wayne was definitely one of them! Didn’t matter what it was, every shift I would stop and talk to Wayne! Wayne has filled my heart with laughter, and so many kind words. He always asked how my kids were, and always checked in if he didn’t see me for a day! He had a heart of gold, a smile that you couldn’t resist! He always stood up for what he believed in, he wasn’t afraid to tell you off either! With all that happened last summer going back to work, he had me in tears... we sat chatted away ... he brought light to a horrific time in my life! I can’t count how many times he said “Keep at it Kid, you’re doing great” .. every time it made me smile! I hope his family knows what an amazing man he truly was to all of us! It was nothing but a pleasure having worked with Wayne! My condolences to all his friends, family and his healthcare team!

Rest peacefully Wayne

**Kendall MacPherson PSW** - January 29, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family. I had the opportunity to work closely with Wayne both at CKBB-CKCB Radio and then again at Georgian College over a 30 year span. So many memories of a Barrie broadcast pioneer and a friend. Rest in Peace, Wayne.  
Jeff & Jan Walther

**Jeff Walther** - January 29, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to you Tracey and your family on the passing of your Dad.  
Blessings to all of you.  
Laurie & Steve Bridge

**Laurie & Steve Bridge** - January 29, 2019 at 02:41 AM