



NELSON, Ralph

Peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa with family by his side, on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Lois. He will be greatly missed by his daughter Laura Starkey (Dave) and son Allan Nelson (Dawn). Ralph was a devoted grandpa to Jennifer, Kimberly, Melanie, T.J., Sean, Jonathan (Darcy) and Krista. Dear brother of David Nelson (Sarah), sister Pauline Harrison (John) all of England, and the late Gerald Nelson of New Zealand. Ralph worked for a number of years for CBC Television but his passion in life was sailing. He was a long time member of Hawkestone Yacht Club on Lake Simcoe. A private family service will take place at a later date. Donations may be made in memory of Ralph to the Parkinson's Foundation or a charity of your choice and can be made through **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM-FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558). Online condolences may be shared at makfuneralhome.com.

Condolences

Jul 10, 2018

B-J. Jasmins

Heartfelt sympathy to You & your families
May you cherish the good memories & know
He is at peace & out of any suffering.
Sincere Sympathy, B-J

Jul 11, 2018

Annie Nicholson

I have many happy memories of Uncle Ralph coming over for holidays in the UK as we grew up. Initially the whole family would come over to stay with us and I remember our big family picnics together. In later years just Uncle Ralph and Aunt Lois came over to visit England (where he was born) and catch up with his sister and youngest brother. In 1994 Martin and I came over to Canada for a holiday . We had several trips out on Lady Hamilton on the lake and drank beer- both passions of Uncle Ralph.
2016 I came to over to a family wedding with my daughter and was pleased to introduce her to Uncle Ralph. We spent a couple of hours looking at old photos together and reminiscing.
What an amazing life he had and now he is free from suffering.
Love to all the family from us here across the pond.xx

Jul 11, 2018

Barry Nelson

Dear Laura and Alan,

Through past varied personal experiences, I know that nothing prepares you for the loss of your Dad. You supported him through many life events over so many years. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to you and your clan as you go through this period of loss and reflection on your Dad's life, and sharing many stories from different perspectives.

I remember sitting down with my Uncle Ralph in April of 1983 at a reconnecting lunch downtown. He would have been in the peek of raising and supporting family life at the time. He spoke with pride as he mentioned where you both were at in your development and his keen desire to support you along the way. Alan was considering Radio College at that time. University was still a while off for Laura, but he knew that you would do well in your studies. Ultimately, both he and your Mom would be happy with your paths if you were, and I'm sure they were very supporting parents.

Jul 18, 2018

Lorna Bolden

How happy Ralph was , and my husband, Colin too..as they sat in front of the Hawkestone Yacht Club on that bench, Friday after Friday.They were friends, having bonded in their love of sailing and their common English background.Their boats, Lady Hamilton and Lorna Doone shall forever sail together..I am weeping now for them both and so sadly miss them. Please know that I shall always remember Ralph and Colin together and now I know they are again sitting on that bench.