



OKE, Ronald Gordon

It is with great sadness that the family of Ronald Gordon Oke announce his sudden passing at his home on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the age of 83. Son of the late Lloyd Gordon Oke and Helen Cowan. Beloved husband of Sally Oke. Cherished father of Kimberly (Peter Naperstkow), Lloyd (Brenda) (both pre-deceased), Lesley Lindsay (Scott), Darryl (Amber), Derek (Marylynn), Alix Sarnowski (Michael) and Lisa Barton (Franck Jussaume). Very proud grandfather of Alec, Julia, John, Lily, Matthew, Lara, Peter, Clara and Jordan. Will always be remembered by Dolores Oke, brothers Paul Edmondson (Linda), Garry Oke, sister Sandra Cox (John) and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Ron was born and raised in Oshawa, Ontario and lived his whole life in the area. He was a graduate of Queen's University and held a Master of Science in Education. He was a respected teacher and principal in the Durham Catholic District School Board for many years, retiring in 1994.

Ron led a very active life which included running, curling, sailing and walking. He loved the outdoors and was a King Scout, an avid camper, cottager and traveller. In recent years Ron and Sally loved spending summers in cottage country and winters in Florida. Ron was very social and joined as many activities and events as possible. He will be especially missed by his many friends who were drawn to his warm and humorous, yet calming personality.

Even as Ron's eyesight failed him in later years, he maintained his sense of humor and never stopped seeing the beauty in everyday life. He continued with his favourite activities especially Nordic pole walking, researching his family tree, keeping up with world events and spending as much time as possible with family and friends. Ron will be remembered as a kind and gentle man with strong Catholic faith and values. He was a man full of life and his chuckle and his beautiful smile will always remain with us. We loved him very much. He will be greatly missed and he will never be forgotten.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend at **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Thursday November 22 from 2 - 4 pm and 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Funeral mass will take place at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 194 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, on Friday November 23 2018 at 10:30 am. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, 355 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

Memorial donations in Ron's memory may be made to Chalice (Education Gifts); the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada or Durham Outlook-St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen. Online condolences can be shared at makfuneralhome.com.

Condolences

Nov 20, 2018

Susan Bruce

To Lesley and family,

We are so sorry to hear of your father's sudden passing.

Love, Stephen and Susan Bruce

Nov 20, 2018

Lorena,Marty,Marie and Ross

Dear Derek and Family:

Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. Our thoughts are with you.

Love, Aunt Lorena, Uncle Marty, Aunt Marie and Uncle Ross

Nov 20, 2018

Joanne Bond

Mr Oke was one of my teachers in grade school and the reason I can spell and sound out words.....writing them out three times was a common daily assignment and one I have been appreciating my whole adult life

My heartfelt sympathies to his family....

Nov 20, 2018

Ivan Wallace

Rest easy my friend.

Ivan Wallace
Dunedin Florida

Nov 20, 2018

Julie Cote

Always a wonderful person with a welcoming smile.

Nov 21, 2018

kevin fountain

Thoughts to Mr Oke's Family, very sorry for your loss. Had Mr Oke for a principal 30+ years ago at St Gerts - so he'll always be Mr Oke to me. What a kind, dedicated, spirit. He'd spend many Saturdays with the school open, always available to listen, not just talk. Cheers to you sir, rest easy.

Nov 21, 2018

Elizabeth D'Orazio

Dear Kim and Peter I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear father. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Nov 22, 2018

MARY SAWICKI

Mr Oke was our principal at JFK when i was a youngster, i always remembered him as a strict but fair principal, rest in peace

Nov 22, 2018

Eric & Gail Svensson

Kim, Dolores & Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. You must be proud to have had him as such an important part of your lives. Sounds as if he was a blessing to all and in return the Lord granted him the gift of a sudden death. Our prayers go out to you as you grieve his passing.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you and give you peace

Nov 23, 2018

Dan Cummings

Kim

Thanks for the picture of me with your father.

He was such a nice man.

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Nov 23, 2018

Kevin Cummings

You and your family are in my thoughts and pray. My condolences on on your loss.

Nov 24, 2018

Renee Cummings

To all the Oke family my sincere condolences.

I will always remember the many happy times my late husband and I shared with Ron, the fun dances we enjoyed and great meals we had with you and your wife. So sorry for you lost Sally.

He will be missed by all for his kindness and humour.

Your children have found memories of the great father you were to them.

Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Dec 2, 2018

Lydia Carman

Dear Sally

I was sorry to hear of Ron's passing. It must be a very difficult time for you. Just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and would you like to have a tea or lunch sometime that would be great. Take care.

Lydia