



MCMASTER, Ross Alexander

August 31, 1947 - March 15, 2021

Member of the Grain Farmers Association of Ontario, past President of Durham, York, and Victoria Land Owners Association.

The family of Ross McMaster is heartbroken to announce his death on Monday, March 15, 2021. Loved and cherished husband of Cheryl (Metcalf) of 48 years. Dear Dad of Steve and his wife Susan and Heather and her husband Chad Isherwood. Adored Grandpa of Kate, Melanie, Alex and Greg (deceased). Much loved brother of Joan and her husband Harold Hoskin. Dear brother-in-law to Doug and Sheri Metcalf and Bruce and Elaine Fish. Remembered fondly by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Ross' life revolved around family, farming, friends, and music. He was a devoted church choir member and a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for more than 50 years. A private funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 18 at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). If you wish to make a donation in memory of Ross, please consider Harmonize for Speech Fund (Harmony Hall, 2 Gower St., Toronto, ON M4B 1E2). Online condolences may be shared at makfuneralhome.com.

Condolences

Mar 16, 2021

Glenn and Barb Werry

Hi Cheryl

Glenn and I want to offer our sincere condolences to you and your family. I know Ross has had a long go of this cancer but I'm sure you know he is in a better place with no pain now.

He was an awesome person and a friend to many. If there is anything we can do please do not hesitate to ask. Take care and love to you and your family.

Glenn and Barb Werry

Mar 16, 2021

Cindy and Bjorn Walter

We did not know Ross personally but we do know Heather ,Chad and Alex , So through them I know how much they loved Ross their father and grandfather and for sure Alex loved sending the summer on the farm with his grandfather learning all he could . Heather please know that we are thinking of you and know that love never dies ,it will help you in the months to come and all of your beautiful memories will become treasures . Husband , father , grandfather , friend he will be missed by all .

Cindy and Bjorn ♥?

Rest In Peace

Mar 16, 2021

Eric Bowman

Cheryl, Steve and family

Our sincerest sympathy on the passing of Ross. He was a well respected farmer , community member and loved to talk farming. Our most recent "chat " was over a fire in the grain field. His Ross McMaster chuckle and deep voice will be missed by us all.

You will each have a special memory of Ross and that will help you through this difficult time,
Eric and Jenny Bowman

Mar 17, 2021

Melissa Nesbitt

Although I have only had the pleasure of meeting Ross a hand full of times, it is evident that his physical presence will be missed by so many. Heather is a dear friend of mine, and has enlightened me with tales of this wonderful man. Tales of happy and joyful times, time that was spend with family and friends, which always sounded very dear to Ross.

Through Heather, I felt as if I got to know Ross very well because of her loving and sincere thoughts of him. A man of great knowledge, helpful and loving demeanour and witty sense of humour. Please know that my thoughts are with all of his family and friends in this difficult time. It is important to keep sharing these stories and moments of him so that others can remember and cherish the time that he spent on this earth. These are special memories that will never be forgotten. Sending my deepest condolences. Rest In Peace

Mar 17, 2021

Tom and Sally Barrie

Cheryl, Steve, Heather and family

Our heartfelt sympathy to each of you with the passing of such a well-respected, generous and friendly man. The farming community will truly miss Ross's knowledgeable outlook, gentle manner and wonderful chuckle.

For many years, the Langmaid family appreciated the McMaster family's neighbourly friendship.

May cherished memories and the love you shared bring comfort in the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Sally and Tom Barrie

Mar 17, 2021

Larry & Lorraine Keeler

Cheryl, Steve & Susan, Heather & Chad, and children.

Our sincere and deepest condolences with the loss of Ross.

He was a husband, a father, a father-in-law, a grandfather, a brother and a brother-in-law. And loved by all.

We enjoyed our visits and conversations with him at the family gatherings.

He will be missed by many.

You are all in our hearts and prayers.

Love to all.

Mar 17, 2021

Diane Werry

Dear Cheryl, Steve, Heather and Family

We are sorry to hear the passing of Ross, may you have many cherish memories to bring you comfort at this time.

Keeping you all in our prayers.

Sincerely Diane Werry and family

Mar 17, 2021

LyndaMcRobbie

Hello Joan and Harold & Family . My sincere condolences to you and your Family. I didn't know Ross but sure heard good words , etc. about him and what a great person he was. sincerely Lynda

Mar 17, 2021

Mae Haass and Family

Cheryl, Steve, Heather and Family,

We are so saddened to hear of the loss of such a wonderful man. Ross will be remembered by us all as a gentle giant who had a heart to match. We all have great memories of his loving laughter and wonderful family memories to cherish. Our deepest condolences to you all.

Mae and Family

Mar 17, 2021

John and Grace Kinghorn

Cheryl, Steve, Heather and family

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Our deepest respect for Ross as a neighbour and a special friend to all our family! A person who put more in than he took out.

Sincerely, John, Grace, Elaine's, David's and Brent

Mar 17, 2021

Norm & Heather Hoskin

Cheryl and Joan. Norm and I were so very saddened by the news of Ross' passing. A towering man who was a gentle giant. He was a life long friend and brother to the Hoskin's. He will be so missed tremendously by his friends and family So, Big Man, thank you for your kindness, your strength, your dedication, your work, your story.

Mar 17, 2021

Dave Tonkin

Cheryl,

My sincere condolences to you and your family. Ross was respected throughout the community. Our paths crossed many times since school days and I always looked forward to sharing our thoughts on many subjects usually over coffee. We will all miss him.

Dave

Mar 17, 2021

Stacy Hoskin

So very sorry to hear about his passing,he was so kind and funny!

Mar 17, 2021

Trudy McGovern

My sincere condolences to Cheryl and the entire family.

I have worked with Ross for close to 30 years and

I can honestly say Ross would make my day every time he called.

We would discuss the grain market but eventually each of our families were discussed as well as his love of history.

He knew as much about our company as I did and when we would discuss grain vessels and terminals his interest always peaked. He always loved it if he had delivered some loads in while we were talking and I would tell him to look towards the lake in about 6 hours so he could see his grain leave. Always wanting to know were it would end up.

He will forever put a smile on my face and I will miss his chuckle, his kindness and our chats.

Thinking of you through this difficult time but the memories will get you through.

Trudy

Mar 17, 2021

Ken & Cindy Ashton

We are so very sorry for your loss. Ross was a well respected and loved friend. He will be missed.

Ken & Cindy

Mar 17, 2021

Barry Mark Anna Bragg and family

Cheryl, Steve, Heather and family

Our heart goes out to all of the family with the passing of Ross.

His involvement in agriculture and his quiet, well articulated way of expressing his views on how to improve the industry was well respected.

Remembering his wonderful and gentle soul will remain in our hearts?

Mar 17, 2021

Stan and Mary Ann Found

Ross was such a wonderful person, kind to all! He will be greatly missed! His quiet determination did so much to positively impact the ag and rural community. Rest in peace Ross!

Mar 17, 2021

Elizabeth Vanderluit, Jackie Vanderluit and Steve Priest

To Cheryl, Steve, and Heather and Joan and Harold

Our condolences to all of you.

Ross was a great neighbour, and a very dear friend to our entire family.

He had a curiosity for life and a joy in making things with his own hands. It was a joy and a great learning experience to work for him on the farm. He hired me, a girl to work on his farm and that experience gave me the confidence to follow my dreams and my career path.

He will be missed by all of us.

Mar 18, 2021

Bob Amos

Dear Cheryl, Heather, Steve and families,

I am so sorry to learn of the passing of such a kind and respected gentleman. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss.

Ross was always such a friendly and easy going guy, a pleasure to know and speak to. He will be missed by all who knew him, by his friends and by his community. May the wonderful memories that you have of your loving husband, father and grandfather be of comfort to you during this difficult time for your family. His life well lived has been a blessing to us all.

Mar 18, 2021

Joanne

Dear Cheryl and family. August and I wish to extend our condolences to you and your family. You are in our thoughts

and prayers at this time.

Mar 18, 2021

Ray Latour

Cheryl, Heather, Steve and families, My sincere condolences for your loss of Ross, Husband, Father, Grandfather. Having changed careers, I have not seen Ross in many years, but he was always a pleasure to talk to and work with. Ross contributed greatly to the community.

Mar 18, 2021

Don and Karen Dair

Cheryl and Family

Our sincere condolences to all of you . Ross will be remembered as a wonderful husband,father brother and grandfather as well as a great friend to many. We always enjoyed meeting and visiting with Ross . He will be missed and remembered by many .May your memories be your strength in the days ahead.

Mar 18, 2021

Nancy and Dale Noel

Ross was such a kind wonderful man. His deep bass voice was such a delight to listen to, whether in his barbershop quartet or our church choir.I always enjoyed chatting with him. It is a great loss for the farming community and he will be missed by so many. I'm sure your happy memories will be a great comfort.

Mar 18, 2021

Ron & Brenda Metcalf

Remembering Ross and his love for the farm, his friendly smile and care for everyone he met. We keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you share your memories and may they help bring you comfort.

Ron & Brenda Metcalf & family

Mar 18, 2021

John Haass

Cheryl, Steve and Heather,

My sincere condolences on loosing your husband and father. Your husband/father was my first employer and a great working experience I had working on the farm for him. I made a few mistakes while farming but he always helped me fix them with a big smile on his face. Just remember he's in Heaven now, looking down on all of us with his big smile and he will always be in our hearts.

Mar 18, 2021

Charlene Williams

Cheryl, Heather and Chad and Family,

Thinking of you and saddened to hear about Ross. He's always been such a pleasure to talk to and usually we'd end up laughing together! Last time I saw him, it was at Zion Cemetery. I was directing a funeral service and after the interment was over, I asked where the closest place was to use the washroom. The church was closed, the funeral cars were blocked in and without hesitation, he threw me the keys to his big old car!

So kind, helpful and a true family man.

Hugs to you all!

Mar 19, 2021

Debbie and Al Metcalf

Cheryl, Joan and families

So sad to hear of Ross' passing. Such a happy soul whom I have fond memories of in the church choir with you, Cheryl, at the organ. Today and always, may your loving memories of Ross bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mar 19, 2021

Paul Hart

My sincerest condolences. I have fond memories of singing in the church choir with Ross and the fantastic harmonies John Barlow, Ross and I would try to achieve at the Barber Shoppers. Cheryl, all these years later, you are still the best organist ever!

Ross also taught me how to drive tractors and pickup trucks on the farm, at the ripe old age of 14, pulling hay wagons and making some money bailing hay. I think it paid .25/hour, a hefty amount for a 14 year old. Harold, I don't know if you remember, but Ross also brought me along to help put in your septic bed at your new house, a truly unforgettable experience.

My Dad, at 96, still lives in Mitchell's Corners on the hill near the old farmhouse and we visit often, frequently thinking about bygone years and both Ross and Cheryl as we drive past.

I'm so sad to hear Ross is gone. He was a true gentlemen, someone you could always count on and a steady influence. He was a true role model for everyone. No doubt he'll be missed.

Mar 20, 2021

Gord and Wanda Geissberger

Cheryl, Steve, Heather and Family

We are sad to hear of the passing of Ross. The Zion community has lost a wonderful friend. I have had the pleasure to grow up with him as my neighbour, sing with him in the church choir and other events and work with him on community projects. I was always amazed how he could sing his bass part and then switch quickly to give us help in the tenor section when we needed it. It was like he knew all the parts by heart!

Through his work in the community Ross could always find the fun in a job to make it go easier. Meetings were not so much meetings but a gathering of friends and yes, we did get the meeting stuff done as well as having some fun and

laughs around the table. Ross always had a way to bring a smile to your face and brighten your day.

He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Mar 20, 2021

Debbie Karacsonyi

My condolences Cheryl and family. May God's love surround you with peace. His kind presence was always felt when he entered the room.

Mar 20, 2021

John & Brenda Pittens

Dear Cheryl, Steve, Heather and families,

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ross. Our contact with your family through the community, school and Zion Church made a lovely life for our families growing up in Mitchell's Corners. Even though we have grown apart, our memories of times together will always be with us. Ross was always so helpful and caring person.

There are a few true gentlemen that come into your lives and Ross was one of them. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love John and Brenda

Mar 22, 2021

Sheri Allen

My deepest condolences and sympathies to the McMaster family. Ross touched many lives over the years and we were all blessed to have known him.

My thoughts and wishes are with you

Drew's Mom

Sheri

Mar 23, 2021

Kathy Ranstead

Mere words cannot express how sorry - and shocked - I was to learn of Ross' untimely death. Although I didn't know Ross personally, I do know how much he meant to those who loved him. He was Cheryl's best friend; a mentor, confidant, the center of his family's universe.

My heart goes out to all of you at this difficult time.

Mar 23, 2021

Tim and Sharyn Sargent and Family

Cheryl, Steve and Susan & Family

Thinking of you during this time. Ross will be deeply missed in the farming community. WE all looked forward to visiting with Ross and Steve. He always had time to talk to the us whether he was checking crops next door or

passing by and saw us out with the cows. He was a great mentor and teacher for Daniel and the boys. He will be missed deeply. xoxox Tim and Sharyn Sargent and family

Mar 25, 2021

John Adair

So sorry for your loss Ross was my first employer and we would be in the barn putting hay away and Ross would be filling that conveyor up faster then we could take it away.And Cheryl you would make us sandwiches for lunch with a drink that I always called skunk water witch always made Ross laugh.The community is forever getting smaller and heaven is getting bigger.

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