



## **MCKELVIE, Robert "Bob" Hugh**

Bob passed peacefully, with family by his side, on Friday, March 26, 2021 in his 91<sup>st</sup> year. Beloved husband of the late Barbara. Loving father of Bill McKelvie, Mike McKelvie (Kathy), and Leanne Yassein (Hossam). Cherished grandfather of Ryan (Kim), Sean (Randi), Megan, Alaya (Matt), Kaylan (Stuart), Khalid, and Senaya and great-grandfather of Lucy, Emily, Weston, Jack and Verity. Predeceased by his brothers Doug (late Doris), Jack (late Betty), and Allan (Helen). Bob will also be greatly missed by his extended family.

Robert (Bob) Hugh McKelvie, born June 26, 1930. Born in Shelburne, Ontario, the youngest of four brothers, Bob was a shining light and loved by all who knew him. The son of the local veterinarian, Bob and the McKelvie family were well known and loved in the community. The four brothers, Doug, Jack, Allan and Bob, were all very musical and played multiple instruments by ear and loved to play together. Doug and Bob were known to put on a show on the piano well into their '80s.

Bob was too young to join the war so stayed home with Allan and the family doing all the farm work in their absence. He left his small town in the early 1950s and went to work at the Toronto Dominion bank in Toronto. He married his beautiful Shelburne bride, Barbara Johnston, in 1953. He was offered a job in the accounting department at General Motors in Oshawa from someone who knew his family. They moved to Oshawa and soon after had Bill, Mike and then later Leanne. They bought their house on Inverness Drive in 1964 and still have it today.

Bob retired young from GM in 1987 and had a successful bookkeeping business and worked in a medical office where he liked to be referred to as 'Dr. Bob'!

Barb passed in 2013 after a short battle with cancer and Bob kept up his active and busy lifestyle until recent years. He loved to walk at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium seven days a week and, in typical Bob fashion, after joining he quickly had a whole new group of gym friends.

Other than being a loving father, husband, and grandpa, Bob was a highly involved and decorated member of the Masonic Temple of which he had been a member since the 1940s, as were all the McKelvie men. Bob rose to the highest ranks and was an integral and respected member of the Lodge. Serving the community through the Lodge was a big part of his life in which he took great pride.

He was the light of his grandchildren's lives and they of his. He took such pride in their accomplishments and successes. He could recount every detail of each of their successes to anyone who asked.

Bob was a true gem. To say he had the gift of gab is an understatement. Boy could he talk! To everyone. And everyone loved him for it. There seemed to be very few people who he did not know and who did not know him. He was the kind of person that would strike up a conversation or crack a joke with a stranger and make their day. He had a devilish sense of humour that he snuck out on many occasions. All those whose orbit he entered were captivated by his warmth, kindness, humour, and generosity. He always made it a point to thank everyone he met and tell them how grateful he was to have had them help him or to have met them. He was an absolutely delightful human

and we were so lucky to have him in our lives. He will be deeply missed but he will live on in all his loving children, grandchildren, and family members.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date. Special thank you to the staff at the Village of Taunton Mills for the loving care and compassion provided over the past year. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at [makfuneralhome.com](http://makfuneralhome.com).

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## Condolences

Mar 28, 2021

**Dave McCullough**

A wonderful man. I will miss our many conversations. He would often stop and turn up the fiddle music he had playing in his car, and then we would chat. He will be missed on Inverness Dr.

Mar 28, 2021

**Stephen Parker**

I remember Mr. McKelvie take us to Pee Wee hockey, so many years ago...So sorry for your lost Bill and Mike...

Mar 28, 2021

**Bob Stewart**

Bob and Barbara lived in the upstairs apartment at our home on Gibb Street near the creek when they were first married. I was 5 years old at the time and can still picture his ever present smile from those days. The last time I spoke to him a year or so ago he sang me the "this old house ..." song from those days that he said he heard my dad Elmer singing downstairs just before we moved to the countryside. He was absolutely the finest gentleman I had the pleasure and privilege to meet. He still called me by my childhood nickname. A life well lived indeed. His children were very fortunate to grow up with such amazing parents.

Mar 28, 2021

**Mary Jones**

Uncle Bob was a person you couldn't help but like. Always something to say, quick with the humour and funny stories, he was fun to be around. I loved that he often played the piano in the home he was in- having a great time himself, and lifting the spirits of the people all around him. That was Uncle Bob. I will miss him. My Mom will miss him. My kids will miss him. We were lucky and proud to be part of his family. Now turn the music up loud , Bob!

Mar 29, 2021

**Anne McKelvie**

What a beautiful tribute to your Dad! Uncle Bob was truly a lovely man. I'll always remember him playing the piano with my dad. And our phone conversations which were sprinkled with his humour. After dad died Uncle Bob would call mum often and she said he always had a joke and left you laughing. Then after mum died he would call often and check up on us. I know you are going to miss your beloved father so much. Let your cherished memories give you comfort and a smile. Cheers to Uncle Bob!

Mar 29, 2021

**Moyra**

I was very fortunate to work with Dr.Bob, for many years as he entertained the patients with his stories and jokes. Even after he retired as Dr.Bob, we continued to share many work Christmas parties where he continued to entertain us with his stories. Thanks Bob, for providing everyone with wonderful memories. We will all miss you.

Mar 30, 2021

**Rosemary Larocque (Duignan)**

Bill, Mike, Leanne and Families.

So sorry for the loss of you dad. Mr. McKelvie (Bob) he will always be Mr. Kelvie always had a smile on his face when you met him and he did know everyone and he did know their names. What a great memory. What a great life he had and you are lucky to part of that life. Cheers to Mr. McKelvie from another Inverness family.

Mar 30, 2021

**Margaret Goulding**

Leanne and family,

I'm so sorry to hear of your sad loss. I have such fond memories of your Dad and his jokes. He always asked after my family whenever I saw him. Both of your parents were always very kind. I hope your memories of them sustain you during this difficult time.

Mar 30, 2021

**MaryAnn Gifford**

So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. We always had great conversations at the Masonic functions I enjoyed chatting with him he always had great stories!

He will be missed greatly.

Our sympathies

Mary Ann and Rick Gifford

Mar 31, 2021

**Lynn Stewart**

Bob was such a pleasure to know I looked forward to coming to work just to hear his humour and comical complaints. Bob will truly be missed especially the sound of the piano after lunch one of our highlights of "Bobby"! ♥?

Apr 2, 2021

**Barry Dearborn**

Bill, Mike, and Leanne, I was terribly saddened to read of Bob's passing. I remember his genuinely nice manner Liz and I send our condolences to you and your families and I know that you will support each other during this time.

Barry and Liz

Apr 3, 2021

**Ed Mckelvey**

Bill, Mike and Leanne

We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. I am Bob's first Cousin. Growing up it was a regular event to visit Uncle Silas and his family in Shelburne. It was always a very happy event. One time I remember going to Uncle Silas's farm to help Allan and Bob do the chores. Sometimes there would be a brief mention of our name spelling. Bob inherited a family trait which is the gift of the gab.

God Bless Ed & Midge Mckelvey.