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The world has lost one of the best. We are heartbroken to announce the passing of our Bill – a beloved husband, stepfather, uncle, Grampy, educator and all-round remarkable human being.

Born in Scotland on May 10, 1943, Bill immigrated to Canada at the age of five and grew up on Toronto Island. He went on to earn his degree from the University of Toronto and his Masters from Niagara University, dedicating his life to education – a profession he truly loved. Bill's career as a teacher quickly led to leadership roles, and he spent many years as a high school principal in Scarborough, Ontario. He shaped countless lives through his work, inspiring students and colleagues alike to reach their potential and live up to the high standards he believed in.

Not only an amazing educator, Bill will be remembered for his warmth, positivity and generosity, his love of travel, music, good food and above all else his fierce love for his family. He was our biggest cheerleader. No one was more committed at a hockey game or musical performance.

Even after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Dementia, Bill faced each day with courage and gratitude. Where others might have faltered, he chose to find the silver lining. He lived with grace, optimism, and a deep appreciation

for every moment.

Bill is survived by his wife Lynn, stepdaughter Christi (Rod), stepson Steve (Sharon), and his cherished grandchildren Brett, Brandon, Madeline, and Evan. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law Judy, brother-in-law Bud, nephew Juan and family, along with many friends and former students who were touched by his life.

As per Bill's wishes, there will be no formal service. He will be with us in spirit as his family celebrates his beautiful life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson Canada or the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

Chow for now, Bill! It's been a beautiful ride! We love you!

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Sonja and I first met Bill decades ago at an Acadia University reunion and the four of us connected / reconnected [in the case of Lynn] right away. Bill became an older brother [he was older by a month] and we spent many happy occasions together. Bill was the best kind of educator, husband, stepfather, grandfather friend, and human being. It will bring a smile to my face every time I wear his famous Tilly hat.*

*Leo and Sonja Fourdraine
Chester N.S.*

Sonja Margot Catherine Fourdraine - November 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM

LS

“ *Mr Whyte was one of the best. He was always smiling and greeted every student the same way. I didn't know him as a principal, but as a teacher he was one of the best. Imagine putting Mr Whyte, Mr Macpherson and Mr O'Reagen in the same room. They were all committed to being the best teachers and comedians. So sorry for your loss. Nothing anyone can say will take away the pain. He was truly loved by his students.*

*Laura (Flanigan) Salefski
Stephen Leacock graduate 1976*

laura salefski - October 05, 2025 at 01:39 AM

JW

“ How hard it is to say farewell to our only brother-in-law! Being a Toronto bred boy led to debates over how to pronounce ‘gravenstein’, a trip through the Fleur de Lis trail in the wilds of Cape Breton with us running on fumes trying to find a gas station, and learning how to crack a lobster for dinner. He and Bud took on the task of creating a basement bathroom. Well..... that’s a story for another time. He had the TV tuned permanently to the news channel. He had personally travelled to many of the places he heard about on the world news, often the basis of his many fascinating stories. He took his illness in stride without letting it stop him going where he wanted to go. He was kind, generous, non-judgemental and an informed mentor. We will miss you, Bro!

Judy Whalen - October 04, 2025 at 07:28 AM

SC

“ *Bill had an amazing gift for making everyone feel at home. The moment you walked through his door, he was there with a hearty hug and your favourite drink in hand. He was a gracious, classy host who could fill a room with his energy. At the same time, he could bring out the best in those around him.*

I loved our conversations about his many travel adventures— whether it was navigating border guards and police in Eastern Europe in the 1970s, leading groups of students on tours before the days of online booking (writing letters to hotels by hand!), or managing a restaurant in a small town in Spain. His stories could hold me for hours.

He was an incredible step-father, father-in-law, and grandfather. He never missed a game or a performance, and he always had time to play, laugh, and celebrate life’s little moments.

Bill lived with warmth, generosity, and adventure. I will raise a glass of red wine in his honour and toast this amazing man.



Sharon Churchill - October 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

CR

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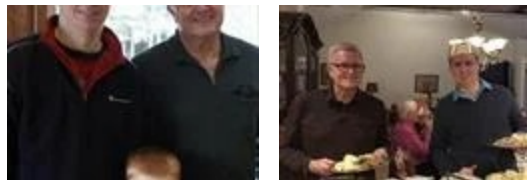
Christi Rideout - October 03, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MR

“ Bill was truly one of the greatest men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. One of my favourite funny memories of Bill occurred when he and I drove the moving truck I rented from Toronto to Nova Scotia just over 25 years ago. The truck was standard, and I had never driven standard in my life. He just smiled and said it would be no problem. We pulled over on highway 401, switched seats, he gave me a couple of pointers, and within minutes I was shifting gears and we were back on our way. Five minutes later, I looked over and he already had his eyes closed, fast asleep, without a worry in the world. lol That was so him—chill, trusting, and a teacher through and through! And we all know he loved a little nap now and then! lol

Beyond all the great memories, I'll always be especially grateful for all the life skills he taught me. Living far from Toronto, he was always there to help! Especially when it came to my first home... plumbing, decking, drywall, electrical—he knew it all, and he shared it all without hesitation!

He was a remarkable man, and I feel so lucky to have known him!! His kindness and generosity were unmatched. And he was the absolute most incredible grumpy to Brett and Brandon! Bill, you will be missed but never forgotten! Rest easy! Xoxo



Mark Rideout - October 03, 2025 at 12:03 AM

CR

“ Finding it hard to find the words to pay tribute to my stepdad Bill - one of the most influential people in my life. Bill took mum as a ‘package deal’ and was quickly interwoven into our lives, shaping us with love, humour and unwavering support. He had a wonderful way of making us all feel important and special and would have protected and defended us no matter what. He taught us to try to compartmentalize and not sweat the small stuff. He lived life with joy, integrity and gratitude- celebrating everyday. Never seen anyone as excited to celebrate a seniors’ discount. lol

Mum and Bill’s home has always been a place of warmth and welcome - open to extended family, our friends, neighbours - anyone lucky enough to experience their hospitality. Bill loved every family gathering - there was a plentitude of food (that he called ‘world class’), music, storytelling, and laughing over our funny memories again and again.

Being a grampy was one of the best parts of his life. He loved them as his own from the very beginning and spoiled them with endless patience and devotion.

Bill knew my heart and challenged me to be my best self. He showed us that the best life is one without regrets. May we all live every day to the fullest as he did.

Bill, we have lost your bright light, but your spirit lives on. We will always do our best to make you proud. Love you so much and thanks for all the beautiful memories xoxo



Christi Rideout - October 02, 2025 at 09:30 PM



He truly was a remarkable human. He was always so kind and loving towards me and Arman. I always enjoyed our talks. He had a very special place in our hearts. Arman was so sad when I told him. He said " I don't want him to go , I am going to really miss him " and then he cried. I will always remember his gentle soul, his compassion, his kindness and his genuine care. If only there were more people like him in this world, the world would have been a much nicer place . You are all in my thoughts and prayers My deepest condolences.

Nikki Jafari - October 02, 2025 at 10:58 PM

DW

"Fly like an eagle" Billy, "out among the stars." Darla and Jim.

Darla Wilson - October 03, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DP

Sad to hear the news of Bill's passing. Brought back many memories of our times together in Scarborough. We grew up across the street on Trinnell Blvd. Went to W A Porter Collegiate as high school students, then disappeared until we taught and coached football together at Leacock C I in its opening year. Became Principals together Bill at Wexford and me at Churchill at the same time. Lots of sharing ideas and issues as we matured as colleagues. We were put in charge of the hospitality room for our Principal conferences, a very important role that we took seriously making sure all 30 colleagues had their favourite beverages ready and waiting. Condolences to family. A great guy. Friend Doug Peacock

Doug Peacock - October 04, 2025 at 08:21 AM