



Christopher Burn

March 14, 1937 - July 14, 2020

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Chris at home in Peterborough, Ontario (Canada) on July 14, 2020. Loving husband of Bodil (nee Madsen) for 60 wonderful years. Proud father of John (Wendy) of Iroquois and Dennis (Debbie) of Carleton Place. Grandfather ("Kulu") to Robert, Amanda, Caroline and Candice Burn. Dear brother of Anthony (Delphine) of Goosnargh, Lancashire (UK). Loving brother-in-law to Karen Hjort-Jensen (Pete Hewett) of Peterborough and Bessie Turner (Chip) of Nottingham Road (South Africa). Uncle to David Burn (Judith), Martin Burn and Alan Burn of Preston, Lancashire (UK), Sven Turner (Joy Anne), Andrew Turner (Desrae) and Tom Turner (Joanna) of Nottingham Road (South Africa), Glen Beales of Peterborough, Wendy Beales (Matt Holdstock) of Cobourg and Eric Beales (Jenny Scott) of Toronto, and last but not least, Rosalind Bronkhorst nee Braun (Hendrik) of Somerset East (South Africa). Step grandfather to Amy Casselman (Adam) of Morrisburg and Scott Hodgson (Amanda) of Williamsburg. Step great-grandfather to Logan and Grayson Casselman and Olivia, Caleb and Stella Hodgson. Predeceased by his parents Dennis and Joyce Burn, his sister Helen Braun and brother-in-law Bob Braun.

Chris was born in Haltwhistle, Northumberland (UK). After the Second World War, his doctor father relocated the family first to South Africa and then to Kenya. After graduating from Prince of Wales High School in Nairobi, Chris

completed his compulsory two-year military service with the Kenya Regiment. He then attended and graduated from Moulton Agricultural College in Northampton (UK), after which he became a farmer in Kenya. Chris married Bodil (Bodi) on January 9, 1960. John was born in April 1961 and Dennis in December 1963. When Kenya gained independence in 1964, the entire Burn family (including Chris' parents and sister) moved back to South Africa. Chris and Bodi initially owned their own pineapple farm in East London (South Africa) for five years, after which Chris became a farm manager for various farmers in Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal) in South Africa, including his brother- and sister-in-law Chip and Bessie Turner. In April 1979, Chris, Bodi, John and Dennis emigrated to Peterborough, Ontario where Chris was initially a farm manager and then a landscaper until his "retirement" in his seventies.

Chris spent many years with the Peterborough Running Room crowd, where he was "Father Hen" to the "Mother Hens" and walked a marathon at age 70. When running became too difficult due to age and health issues, he took up walking - often walking up to 15 km a day, sometimes up and over Armour Hill in Peterborough! When not walking he enjoyed gardening, music (especially classical), literature, helping out neighbours with taking their garbage to the curb or snow removal, and helping Bodi around the house with cooking and cleaning. He enjoyed spending many hours on his laptop keeping up with Facebook "goings on" or researching new health initiatives and US politics. Chris had a fun-loving, sometimes whimsical view of life and the glass was always half full!

To respect Chris' wishes, there will be no wake or funeral service. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Celebration of Life event will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer a donation to Doctors Without Borders, or to plant a tree in Chris' name.

With all our love,

Bodi, John, Dennis and families

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Bodil have such fond memories of Chris from the beginning of my running days. His sense of humour and kindness will never be forgotten. Love to all of you.*

Janice Windrem - July 23, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JW

“ *Sending Love & Condolences to Bodil & family on the loss of dear Christopher. Love, Jen*

Jennifer Walsh - July 20, 2020 at 01:17 PM

CF

“ *Dear Bodil: I am so sorry about Chris' passing. You were both such inspiration, care and support to me and many others who started running a few years back. I will never forget the kindness you both showed. Chris was nice enough to stay at the back with me and his humour got me through the roughest runs. I hope you are taking good care of yourself and will see you soon. Love and hugs to you*

Cindy Fisher - July 20, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RL

“ *In respect of a prince of a man, Mr. Chris Burn, I wish to offer condolences to the entire Burn family, and to the extended Running Room family as well, during this time of bereavement. I had the pleasure of meeting Chris and Bodi during my time with the Running Room. Chris was such a pleasant, intelligent and witty man. "Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember all of you "*

Robert (bob) LaFreniere - July 20, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DP

“ *Bodi and boys Just read on the passing of Chris. Even though I have not spoken to you both in a long time Chris will be missed in my Heart. Chris had the greatest smile and told me wonderful stories of his and your life in Kenya. I remember Chris showing me many photographs at your home. So interesting your Life together. Until we can all meet together to celebrate Chris\u2019s Wonderful Life. Take Care My Running Friend. Debbie Pollock*

Debbie Pollock - July 20, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DC

“ *Bodi I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. He was such a amazing man and loved by all. Lots of fond memories at the Running Room. Lots of hugs. Deb Csumrik*

Deb Csumrik - July 19, 2020 at 09:36 PM

HS

“ *Dear Bodil: I am sorry we could not be with you in this time. Our condolence goes out to you and family members. Love always, Scott/Trish*

Heartfelt Sympathies - July 16, 2020 at 10:27 PM

SB

“ *Our Condolence go out to the Burn Family from Western Canada. We wish you all the best .Scott And Trish*

Scott Bartlett - July 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM