



Douglas McIlquham

September 5, 1930 - October 6, 2022

Douglas Clifford McIlquham

Surrounded by family on October 6, 2022, at Peterborough Regional Health Center, Doug McIlquham age 92 years peacefully passed away.

Doug was born on September 5, 1930, in Kingston and lived most of his adult life in Oshawa.

Doug was predeceased by the love of his life, Barbara Lee (Frink), who he was married to for sixty-seven years. He was a loving father and will be dearly missed by his six children: David (Elaine), Donna Cooper (Richard), Susan (Ken Barss), Scott (Wendy), Cathy Olley (Adrian) and Bruce. He also leaves behind a brother, Jim (Isabel) and was predeceased by his brother Grant and sister Sybil.

Grampa will be dearly missed by eleven grandchildren. "Mucker" was his childhood nickname from the playgrounds in Kingston, and he was affectionately called that by seven great grandchildren. Uncle Doug will also be missed by many loving nieces and nephews.

Doug's life was his family, but his business was menswear. After high school in Kingston he joined Fashion Craft Shops in Kingston, which eventually took him to Hamilton in 1956, where he perfected the fine craft of men's

haberdashery. His art of selling Samuelsohn suits and Arrow shirts was so well known that in 1969 Murray Johnston enticed Doug to put Barb and all the kids in the family station wagon and move to Oshawa, to become his partner in the namesake clothing business. Doug spent the rest of his career fitting clothes for men from Oshawa to Kingston, Detroit, Victoria BC, and many cities in between. Murray Johnston's became so synonymous with Doug that after the "nest emptied", Barbara joined him in the business, and they worked together until 1997, when they sold the business. He loved clothes, the business and was an enthusiastic supporter of downtown Oshawa.

Doug and Barb built their retirement home by her "beloved lake" on family property back in Collins Bay (Kingston), where they spent twenty wonderful years together. After moving to Taunton Mills in Whitby with Barb in 2017, Doug and the family will always be grateful to the wonderful staff and friends they met there, who helped him take care of Barb! He moved to Peterborough in 2021 after Barb's passing, so he could be closer to Cathy, Adrian and Bruce.

Doug played baseball growing up and he loved to tell stories about the Kingston Ponies and their exploits across Ontario. Regardless of where he lived, he always had a baseball story, whether it was the Cricket Field in Kingston, Kinsmen Stadium in Oshawa or Christy Pits in Toronto, Mucker could talk baseball. He was even able to talk baseball with Tommy Lasorda one spring when Barb and Doug were visiting Dodgertown in Florida and Tommy invited Mom to "hop on his golf cart". He also carried on many spirited debates with his brother Grant about "everything" but especially the Blue Jays, after he returned to Collins Bay.

A Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Anglican Church 1758 County Rd. 10 Ida, Ontario on Tuesday, October 11th at 2:00 P.M., with interment to follow immediately. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made

through www.CommunityAlternative.ca. Should anyone want to make a gift in Doug's memory, the family would suggest making it to St. John's Anglican Church Ida.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have spent many years working at Murray Johnstons, Doug was always kind and had a fine eye for details. I'm sorry to hear of his passing, deepest condolences to the McIlquham family.

Teresa Trotta - October 10, 2022 at 05:11 PM

SM

“ Remember the posh tiny glasses of tomato juice , and the celery stuffed with Cheez Whiz for appetizers?!

Scott McIlquham - October 09, 2022 at 06:34 PM

LM

“ My deepest condolences to the McIlquham family. Doug was one of a kind. His salesmanship made my Christmas shopping so easy. He knew everything my father and brother owned and needed. I could just walk into the store and he could have just passed me the bags! Instead I spent time shopping and picked up a husband as well. What a great store he had!Peter and I enjoyed our visit with Barb and Doug at Collins Bay, and the 1000 Island cruise. They were a wonderful couple, and are now together again.My thoughts and prayers are with you.Linda McGill

Linda McGill - October 09, 2022 at 12:47 PM

SM

“ In the summer of '74 we drove to Banff and back in the station wagon before the advent of air conditioning ... Dad's left arm got so tanned from being out the window the whole way!

Scott McIlquham - October 08, 2022 at 11:19 PM

SM

“ I think Dad's super power was his ability to find a personal connection with anyone who walked through the door ... I used to think everyone in the world must have a relative in Kingston, Hamilton, or Oshawa! And when he (rarely) forgot a name, he'd call me from the basement of the store and whisper to me to introduce myself ... The customer would respond with their name, and Dad was back on track. When all else failed, he'd get their address and have us look it up in the "reverse directory" he had at the store. All this in the early 70's ... Imagine what he could have done with the internet and Google!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 08:19 PM

SM

“ The knots on his head from the beams in our farmhouse in England ... There was a particularly low one in the hallway between the guest bedroom and the bathroom, and I swear it got Dad coming and going every time!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 07:43 PM

SM

“ Trying to learn to sail *The Skunk!*

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 07:40 PM

SM

“ Sunday roast beef family dinners, and those rare and special outings to the Golden Steer and Smitty's in Hamilton, Steve's Steakhouse in Oshawa, and Aunt Lucy's in Kingston!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ Dad insisting that we dress up for Sunday dinner even as we entered our late teens. We always dressed up for Christmas dinner and carried that tradition on with our children when they were at Grandma and Grandpa\u2019s.

Donna (McIlquham) Cooper - October 07, 2022 at 07:36 PM

SM

“ Dad's dislike of British food when he visited us in England, culminating with a hot dog below the castle in Edinburgh. He'd hated the Mac & cheese and the shepherds pie on the way, and just wanted a simple hot dog. Dad loved yellow mustard on his dogs, and slathered it on ... Unfortunately Coleman's English mustard is not the same as French's yellow mustard, and after 1 bite (and several expletives), the offending dog hit the bottom of the bin!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 02:30 PM

SM

“ Up the bottom couple of feet of the door. Dad installed it anyway, and it stayed that way for years!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 02:20 PM

SM

“ Fixing up the cottage one year and replacing the door, somehow a circular saw was used and a vertical cut was made right uthe bottom

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 02:19 PM

SM

“ When he first visited us in Tennessee around 2010, Dad learned the way to Krispy Kreme. Whenever he wanted a break from the hectic house, he'd take a drive and return later with a dozen donuts. Once we had the Mattress Firm franchise, Dad delivered donuts to the stores too. Upon hearing of his passing, one of our former employees ("Spanky") reached out to say how fondly he remembered Dad and his donuts!

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 02:05 PM

SM

“ Dad entering the computer age in the mid 80's with the Murray Johnston accounts receivable on a Commodore 64, and how he managed to adapt that system for his own personal contacts and Christmas cards. He was devastated when the obsolete database finally crashed about 20 years ago.

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 01:58 PM

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“ Playing catch with a baseball & no glove ... Dad was adamant that the best way to learn was bare handed! Also, using his old, too flat first baseman's mitt as home plate.

Scott McIlquham - October 07, 2022 at 01:51 PM