



Ralph Bray

February 4, 1945 - June 1, 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Ralph Harold Bray on June 1, 2021 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, at the age of 76.

Ralph will be deeply missed by his wife, Vivian Louise Bray (nee Hunt). His children Glenn Bray and Allison Rutherford (Stephen) will say his name and remember the good times. Ralph's grandchildren Kyle and Kara Rutherford were his sunshine. He leaves behind his sister Dorothy Smith, sister-in-laws, and brother-in-laws in the Hunt Family. Ralph's mother and father, Harold and Edith Bray predeceased him along with Ralph's sister Sandra McFarland. Ralph was able to talk to his mother-in-law Irene Hunt to say goodbye. His father-in-law, Sterling Hunt, died in 2002. Many nieces and nephews have enriched his life. Our Peterborough family, The Rutherfords, have walked beside us on this journey.

Ralph and Louise lived in several communities in Ontario, where they met many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Peterborough or Hospice Norwood.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Condolences to the family may be made online through the funeral home online at www.CommunityAlternative.ca

Tribute Wall

BN

“ Ralph you are sorely missed! We remember the times on Grand Avenue, when you were completely immersed in the business of the town. You worked for a local newspaper, were on a few town committees, and generally knew a little about everything going on! You readily described, discussed, gossiped, and talked about your activities, and many more topics of general interest. Louise, you know what we are talking about! We loved his smile, his care for Louise, care for his children Glenn and Allison, and for grandchildren Kara and Kyle. Ralph and Louise, we thank you for being willing Godparents to our daughter Sarah. She loved you as family, as do Bruce and myself. Ralph and Sarah are together now in Heaven, and we are sure that there is an eyeroll from Sarah at the mention of her name! Our sincere condolences to you Louise and "the kids", for the loss of Ralph. It was one year ago June 1st, so unbelievable that time passes so quickly. God bless you all.

Bruce Nelson - May 28, 2022 at 01:29 PM

LB

“ Thank-you for the kind memories.

Louise Bray - June 10, 2021 at 07:57 PM

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“ Thanks Sue, we miss Grand Avenue. Say hello to the neighbours.

Louise Bray - June 10, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ Great times were had at Parkside, we will miss Ralph. He was ill for a number of years.

Louise Bray - June 10, 2021 at 07:55 PM

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“ Thank-you Judy, Allison and Haley both enjoyed high school and being together. Ralph had been quite ill for a few years. His organs began to fail, and we cared for him at home for most of the time. Allison was a big help in caring for him. Good health to you and your family. How is John?

Louise Bray - June 10, 2021 at 07:54 PM

SH

“ Lorne and Alberta Fair wish to express their condolences to the Bray Family on the passing of Ralph.

Suzanne Haber - June 07, 2021 at 06:48 PM

JF

“ Louise and family. Karen and I are sad to hear of Ralph's passing. We go back to the 80's when Ralph and I worked at The CoOperators. All the best to you and your family at this difficult time. Allan Freeman

J. Allan Freeman - June 06, 2021 at 07:49 PM

AJ

“ Dearest Louise, our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time. I enjoyed our time we shared in Caledonia. Sending hugs, forever in our prayers and thoughts. Ken and Anne Jay

Anne Jay - June 06, 2021 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ To Louise and family, Please accept our deepest sympathies to all of you on the passing of a husband, father, grandfather and friend. My mother and Ralph were roommates for four days (May 15th to 19th) at PRHC. When my sister and I arrived on May 16th, we sat and chatted with Ralph and listened to his many stories and adventures. My mother wasn't really able to talk after a traumatic surgery and intubation (not Covid) and Ralph made her days more enjoyable and helped pass the time until she was transferred back to Cobourg hospital. Ralph would tell my mother that the girls will be here soon as it's 2 pm and we would show up 10 minutes later. Ralph said your mother's going to make it as the twinkle is back in her eyes and she's feeling better than yesterday. All the PRHC staff in that department were like why can't all the rooms be like this with all the laughter, stories and chats. Ralph said if you're ever in Norwood, you come by for a visit, a cup of tea or coffee and when I come to Cobourg, we'll say hi. Ralph was so looking forward to coming home on May 19th and had everything planned and was all excited and packed the night before. When I left I said thank you for everything and all the best. We had hoped he would good and not be back at PRHC anytime soon. Those were the best four days my mother spent at PRHC and he was the best roommate anyone could ask for. I can still see Ralph, hear his many stories and life experiences. He wanted us to make sure to stop in if we ever came to Norwood and he made sure we knew which house was his. He had hoped to make it to Cobourg and my mother and him could catch up where they left off. He made a difference to my mother's recovery and no lack of conversation in that room. I hope the great memories, laughter and joy he shared with all of you will help to bring comfort during the difficult days ahead. Our hearts go out to all of you. From our mother June, my sister Donna and myself (Shirley) Sandercock, Cobourg, ON

Shirley Sandercock - June 06, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JJ

“ Dave and I were very sad to read of the passing of Ralph. He was a good neighbour and friend of ours when the Brays lived in Hamilton. I know it has been a difficult time for you for the last little while and hope you can find some comfort in this knowing he is now resting. We will be thinking of you all in the days ahead.

Jackie Jones - June 06, 2021 at 08:07 AM

SQ

“ Dear Louise and family, Steve and I were saddened to hear about Ralph's passing on June 1st. We remember Ralph as a kind man and a great neighbour always willing to lend a hand and good advice. Grand Ave street get togethers remind us of you all and we send our prayers. Steve, Sue, Eamon, Evan, Connor and Keegan Quinn

Sue Quinn - June 05, 2021 at 06:58 PM

CG

“ Hello Louise I worked in the office of Parkside High School where you were an excellent EA. I remember when you moved to the Peterborough/Norwood area to be closer to family. My Sincere sympathy to you and your family as you mourn the loss of your husband. Thinking of you with fondness. Cheryl Grant.

Cheryl Grant - June 05, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JS

“ Dear Louise and family, You\u2019ll remember us from Alison\u2019s friendship with Hayley during their Peace Memorial days. I am saddened with you all on the loss of your husband , father, grandfather whom I never had the pleasure to meet. I noticed it in the Spectator this morning. Louse I think of you with warm thoughts. God Bless you all, Judy Smith

Judy smith - June 05, 2021 at 10:13 AM