



## Mr. Gerard "Gerry" Leo Deleskie

September 2, 1945 - April 1, 2019

Gerry passed away peacefully at age 73 on April 1, 2019 at Campbell House in Collingwood after fighting a 5 year battle with cancer. He will be forever loved by his wife of 49 years, Mybritt, and children Shannon (and Partner Scott) and Aaron.

Gerry was born in Cape Breton, third oldest of 9 children (to proud parents Joe and Caroline). He is survived by his brother Ron (and wife Mary), sisters Rachelle (and husband Bruce) and Hannah (and husband Ron), sisters and brothers in law, Karen and Mickey, Andra and Carson, mother-in-law Laura, and many nieces, nephews and their families.

He will be fiercely remembered for his loving and generous nature, and his willingness to take on the realities of life, but never take them too seriously.

The family wishes to thank the staff and volunteers of Campbell House for all of the compassionate care given to Gerry during his final 3 weeks.

As per his wishes, Gerry was cremated and a funeral will not take place.

For those wishing to make a charitable donation as an expression of empathy and memory for his life please donate to the Canadian Cancer society or Campbell House Hospice of Georgian Bay.

# Comments

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“ Your brothers and sister loved you deeply. We all knew that there was something special and outstanding about you Born in Cape Breton, moving to Toronto at a early age.He loved the nature and beauty of the Cape. i know you are at peace. When I think of you I feel warmth and peace. i love you deeply. Your Sisters, Hannah and Rachelle. xxx

**hannah** - February 20 at 08:07 AM

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“ Uncle Gerard was an exceptional human being. His work in education and later with Habitat for Humanity positively impacted so many lives. I will never forget meeting one of his former students many years ago on my first day of archaeological field school in Belize. When she heard my last name, she excitedly asked if I was related to Gerry Deleskie. It turns out she attended Silverthorn Collegiate while Uncle Gerard was principal. The respect and affection she had for Uncle Gerard was incredible. She described an educator who knew and loved his students, who was always willing to listen, and to find solutions to problems— always with integrity, and always with humour. The positivity Uncle Gerard contributed during his life lives on, and I am sure he continues to be a role model for many.

Aunt Mybrit, Shannon, and Aaron, much love and deepest condolences on your loss.

**Jennifer DeLeskie** - April 09, 2019 at 09:13 PM

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“ I was very fortunate to be a student during the time Mr. Deleskie was the Principal at Silverthorn Collegiate, he was one of the very few who believed in me at a time when not many others did. He said to me, " Berk, I know you will make it, and it will be on your own terms, but somehow you will make it"

Thanks to Mr. Deleskie, I was able to graduate with honours and continue 12 more years of Education at University of Toronto, he impacted my life greatly, I will never forget and cherish my memories of him.

My sincerest and deepest condolences to his entire family.

Dr. Berk Huner

**Berk Huner** - April 04, 2019 at 03:47 PM