

TERRY GILBERT

July 31, 1948 – August 20, 2022

Terry passed away suddenly but peacefully in his sleep while at home on Saturday August 20th 2022 at the age of 74.

Terry was born July 31st 1948 in Parrsboro Nova Scotia

He is predeceased by his father Donald, his mother Dorothy (Dodie), his sister Patricia, his oldest brother Wayne and his sister-in-law Debbie. He was the dearly loved partner of Dianne Purchon. Terry is survived by his four children Denny (Steve Hogben), Jamie (Melissa Thompson), Tara (Nathan Beer) and Kevin. He will be greatly missed by his brothers – Conrad, Danny and Bruce as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.



Terry spent most of his childhood in CFB Borden. He had wonderful memories of growing up in the “PMQ’s” and attending Base Borden Collegiate Institute. Friendships made during that time lasted throughout his life and he rarely missed an opportunity to attend whatever reunion was being held.

A trip to Toronto at the age of 21 and a poster on a wall advertising jobs would change the course of his life. He was hired and employed by Bell Canada in Barrie for 30 years. He started in the mail room and fondly remembers his years at 140 Bayfield Street. With training and hard work he became a residential installation and repair technician and moved to the John Street worksite. He loved that job as it gave him the opportunity to meet people and drive the backroads. He maintained those wonderful friendships as well to this day. The “Bell guys” as he lovingly called them met faithfully on Friday afternoons at the Locker Room on Cundles Ave. He enjoyed his “last call” at the pub the day before he died.

After early retirement from Bell in November 1997 - he continued to work in Barrie. He was a Shuttle driver for Centennial Chrysler, Parts Driver for Bay Auto and worked in the finance office at Canadian Tire store locations in Barrie before fully retiring.

Terry was a dedicated and devoted Cadet officer with 104 Air Cadet Squadron at the Barrie Armouries for over 22 years. He served as Training officer, Supply officer and Commanding Officer during this time. He wore the uniform proudly.

Terry’s affiliation with the Royal Canadian Legion was a source of great pride for him and he was a devoted member. He was the Barrie Poppy Campaign Chairperson for

many years and served on the General Committee in various roles at the branch for decades. He was nominated and awarded a Life Membership with the Barrie Legion Branch 147 to recognize a 50-year membership milestone.

He loved to golf and enjoyed a challenging game. He was pretty mean with a pool cue and loved having his own table. He bowled and played darts over the years as well. Chicago Blackhawks were his favourite hockey team and followed them each season. Although he taught his sons to play hockey he only played himself for fun. He excelled at cribbage and was very competitive whenever he played. His mom Dodie was too and that made for great games and rivalry.

His "NASCAR group" of fans at St Louis' Bar and Grill on Dunlop St were a serious bunch who knew every statistic. They travelled together to several races in the States – and had great times.

His second NASCAR group at Doc Malone's was the serious one for Terry – always trying to make the right choices on the race to win the pot of money. The friends he made through his love of Dale Jr and the sport were lasting and meaningful.

In his earlier years he played baseball with the Barrie Men's League sponsored by Barrie Burger. What a group they were and the memories that gave him – canoe trips, drinking beer and just hanging out.

Family was everything to Terry and he had a large one. He loved to hunt with his brother Conrad and friends in Nova Scotia, spend time with nature back at the hunt camp, visit with brother Dan in Peterborough and Bruce in Ottawa and oldest brother Wayne in Toronto. There was much travelling, visiting and family functions he attended over the years with relatives. He cherished those memories and spoke of them often.

He was an amazing friend, buddy, colleague, neighbours, uncle, brother, dad and partner. His lifetime was well- lived and he will not be forgotten.

Visitation will be held at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie on Friday, August 26th, 2022 from 7-9 pm and again on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 from 12 pm until the time of Service in the Chapel at 1 pm. Reception to follow inside the lower lounge. Donations in Terry's memory may be made to the Barrie Legion #147 and are greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.steckleygooderham.com