



Arthur Monteith Fairley

January 11, 1939 - March 13, 2018

Art passed away as he lived – gently. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Fran of 50 years. He loved his sons with all his heart: Grey (wife Janet, children Grant and Annika), and Quinn (wife Jen, children Aria and Kessia). He'll be sending “bops” from heaven. Art was born and educated in Hamilton. He wore his McMaster ring proudly all his life. Upon graduation he taught Phys Ed at Central SS, Scott Park and Sir Allan MacNab SS. He loved coaching Basketball and had many successes, but most important to him were “his boys”. Art's other love was Golf. He was a 50 year member at Glendale Golf and Country Club. Along with 45 years of going to Myrtle Beach, he lived his passion. Art spent much of his life driving Grey, Quinn and the car pool to and from swimming. The memories of those drives are very special. He worked and supported swim meets (novice to Nationals), Water Polo games all over Canada and later Basketball games of his children and their friends. He loved being with them. Art loved to party and found many people with whom to party. Cheers to Export and later Coors light. He was diagnosed with Frontal Lobe Dementia in 2014 and spent his last years loving and being cared for at the afternoon program at St. Joseph's Villa. He continued to go to Florida to look after “Tom the Cat” and party at Katiki's. He loved life to the end. Thanks to Stacy and Amanda from St Elizabeth's for their special care. Thanks to the staff at the General for their expert care. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 11, 2018 at Glendale Golf and Country Club, 401 Mount Albion Road, Hamilton, ON. Drop in from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Art to the McMaster Pool Enhancement fund.

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Events

MAY **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Glendale Golf and Country Club

401 Mount Albion Road, Hamilton, ON, CA, L8K 5T4

Comments



“ Sorry to hear of your loss, condolences from the Dharmaratnams.

Mike

Mike - April 23, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Art's passing and your family's loss. Much love to your family, during this difficult time.

Brooke - April 02, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ I was always very fond of Mr Fairley. He was not only my gym teacher, but my basketball and golf coach. I got to see him quite a few times after the highschool days as I was an avid golfer as well. He surely did live his golf. Rest in peace Art. You will be remembered as a very kind and gentle soul.
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Scott Clark - April 01, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Art. of his quiet and gentle nature but also of his humour and enjoyment of a good joke.
I am very sorry for your loss, but very happy that you had him in your lives.
Susan Muma

Susan Muma - March 27, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ Sending our love and condolences. We are so glad Art had a great time staying at our place here in Florida!
Charlie, Denise and Tom

cm - March 21, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Hi Fran, Grey and Quinn

So sorry to hear of Art's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your families. I have many memories of Art from MacNab and Glendale. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Jayne Chalmers

Jayne Chalmers - March 20, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ Fran, My thoughts are with you and your family. You shared some great memories of your time with Art. Keep those treasures close. Take good care. Janice Yule

Janice Yule - March 19, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Condolences to you and the family Fran. He was an amazing man

Janice Carter - March 19, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ A fun loving colleague and avid sportsman. Loved his parties. Sincere condolences to the family. RIP Art. Coaching somewhere else now.
Steve & Barb Pearson and Family

Barb Pearson - March 19, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ I was lucky to have Mr Fairley as one of my Gym teachers thru my years at SAM. Was always one of my favorite teachers. IT was an honor and a privilege to be taught by him. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Mr Fairley

Darryl Frewin - March 18, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ I was fortunate to be a student for four years with Mr. Farley. He was a great teacher and a kind human being. I also played golf with him a few times, which I know was one of his passions. Thoughts are with all the family.

Scott Boyle - March 18, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ Grey, Quinn and Mrs. Fairley, I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Fairley. Although, I never specifically had him as a teacher I know he was well loved at MacNab and was always friendly to me when I ever I seen him either at your home or even bumping into him many years later. He impacted a lot of young people.

Ian McSevney & Family

Ian McSevney - March 18, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ This is my second try, but I really want to write of my history with Art. It began after WWII, when I started at Stinson St. School. Art was in the class and we became buddies all through school and intermittently had contact for a few years, as I moved away to Vancouver. We called at each other's house in the old days, he on Delaware, and me on Main St. E, and always did things together. He was a great friend then, and over those years. I always remember those carefree but responsible early years. Art, I hope your next journey is a pleasant one, and that you have a soft landing!

My very best regards and condolences to Fran, the boys and their families.
Tom Gibson.

Thomas Gibson - March 18, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ In High School, I split my time between the gym and the music room. Art and Fran were my two favourite teachers, and were unforgettable mentors. I took my son and friends to a McMaster basketball game and described to them how proud I was when we won a city championship in that gym. As a player, we knew we had the best coach in the city. I still recall calling Art at home after our victory celebrations. I am so fortunate to have had Art as a mentor in my high school years.

Brad Smith, McNab 1979-1983

Brad Smith - March 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ Many, many moons ago....S.A.M. Hanging at the gym I saw how Art interacted with both the guys and the girls. I am sure he has had a positive influence on any student he served. Fran, you might not remember me, but I want to send you my deepest sympathy. I remember you both so fondly. ~ Inaz Hamouda-Jenkins

Inaz Hamouda- Jenkins - March 18, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ I was never an athlete. But, this man was insightful and listened and provided useful advice. He was fair, but he was also truthful. Definitely, if you got out of line, he would let you know. He would never remember me. But, I agree with all the comments. He definitely made a major difference and was influential to all the kids he taught.

Steve Hinds - March 18, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ Art was my first friend when our family moved into Hamilton after our father returned to Dundas at the end of WW II. From grade 3 at Stinson St public school on, we were close friends through our schooling. After that, we only occasionally connected over the next few years, but Art has been always in my thoughts. Have a fun journey and a soft landing, Art. Condolences to Fran and the boys. Tom Gibson.

Thomas Gibson - March 18, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ Met this wonderful man and his beautiful family being a swim parent...our son Jayson Charlebois swam with Grey and Quinn....had many laughs with Fran while watching the boys swim....we blinked and the boys are grown and time has taken its toll...Art continue your journey and know you will live forever threw your children...our love to Fran and Grey and Quinn....Michael and Cathy Charlebois... xxx



michael charlebois - March 17, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ I met Art at Central Secondary. The following anecdote will illustrate his honesty and give Grey and Quinn a chuckle. The Principal (initials C.R.D.) called a meeting of all the teachers of a particular student who was causing everyone a lot of trouble. Mr. C.R.D. asked each teacher to comment on the student. One-by-one we all skated around the issues trying to be politically correct. When it came Art's turn he summed it up perfectly by one sentence, "The kid's a horses' ass." The Principal was not amused and that night he received a phone call from his Head of Phy. Ed. criticizing Art for inappropriate language. Those of you who knew Dave B. will realize how ironic THAT was! Art was a great teacher and coach. My thoughts are with Fran and family. Ron Evans

Ron Evans - March 17, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ Art a wonderful gentleman always knew your name and a big smile.
We will miss him.
Fran you were a wonderful care giver we love you and prayers to give you strength
through this tough time
Noelle and Rob

noellemcconnochie - March 17, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ I remember Art as a fellow teacher at Scott Park S.S. in the 1970s. He was so well liked by everyone. He and Fran were so proud of their sons and shared many stories of the boys. May you rest in peace, Art. My condolences to the family. Sorry to have to miss the Celebration of Life in May as we will be in China.
Helen Valenzuela

Helen Valenzuela - March 17, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ Two of my favourite teachers, sad to learn of his passing.

Brad Lewis - March 17, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ I remember Mr. Fairley allowing me to catch up on work in the cafeteria and miss Phys Ed because he knew I had swim practice that morning. He was always accomodating and supportive. That has always resonated with me. You will be missed Art. Raising a Coors Light to you tonight!

Geoff Adamson - March 17, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ I remember Mr Fairley, or A.F. as we called him, letting anyone come in to his lounge office to sit and talk about anything. A proud MacNab athletic coach and teacher and all round great man. May he rest in peace!
Karin Primorac , Sir Allan MacNab 1975 - 1979

Karin Primorac - March 16, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ My coaching mentor. After finally leaving Macnab I came right back to work with Mr Fairley for a few years. A great and patient man. A kind heart with a kind word for everyone. He even made my first sale as a summer direct seller with Cutco. Take care Art. May you enjoy the show....Jeremy Dinning



“ Mr. Fairley was one of the best! I remember getting something for him out of his car, and accidentally locking his keys inside! He didn't get mad - he actually laughed about it. I suggested they name the new running track beside Sir Allan MacNab after him. He was a great teacher.

Rob Beattie, Sir Allan MacNab 1972 - 1976

Rob Beattie - March 16, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ Mr Fairly always cared for his students. I remember skipping auto and going to the gym to join his class. He always had room for another stray as long as you were changed and ready to participate. He will be sadly missed but remembered of fondly. May you rest in peace.

Terry Cabral - March 16, 2018 at 04:55 PM