



Josef "Sepp" Wurfbaum

November 10, 1937 - January 28, 2021

It is with sorrow that the Wurfbaum family announces the passing of their patriarch Josef Wurfbaum (Sepp). Sepp leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Christa Wurfbaum and children Doris Wurfbaum, Christian Wurfbaum and Tina-Marie Abels (Mike Abels) and grandchildren Samara Wurfbaum, Jediah Wurfbaum, Benjamin Abels and Nicholas Abels. He is predeceased by his only sibling Gregor Wurfbaum.

Sepp was born in Ebenhausen, Bavaria on November 10, 1937 and just celebrated his 83rd birthday with his family in Hamilton. In his youth, Sepp made a commitment to actively pursue happiness for himself and others. He did this through his passion for music and entertaining. Whether singing, yodeling, playing accordion, standup bass or tuba, or simply telling a tall tale, his talent lay in making people laugh. Sepp's approach to life was direct and simple. His favorite politician was Winston Churchill, whose direct approach, like Sepp's, sometimes landed him in hot water.

Trained as an electroplater, Sepp immigrated to Canada in 1958 and pursued a career with Air Canada. He settled into suburbia with his wife and three children in Pierrefonds, Quebec. Time down the road, this would change as his desire for something bigger grew and he would move his family to Knowlton, Quebec.

Sepp led several bands and played throughout the city of Montreal and was well known for entertaining at Expo 67, in the German Biergarten. In 1961, Sepp also earned a movie actor diploma from the Montreal Cine Production Film Academy and played a role in two films: "How Long Is a Minute" as well as "The Prince and Me". He also recorded two albums, "Ein Prosit" and "Everybody Happy". The latter title became his mantra on stage. After a set, he would always ask the crowd "Is everybody happy?" before snapping shut his accordion.

Once in Knowlton, Sepp and Christa bought an old bowling alley turning it into Sepp's Biergarten where he became the master of his own stage, performing nightly and hosting events such as Schlachtfests, crash derbies and car rallies. Patrons flocked from Montreal and the surrounding community to be entertained by the likes of Sepp and his keen wit. Eventually, Sepp retired in the Burlington/Hamilton area and continued to play music at The Musket for 23 years and in recent years at the Austrian Club. He also became an avid home renovator and gardener. Sepp had a passion for rocks that he felt were beautiful

and each rock had a story to tell. He created several elaborate rock gardens complete with firepits, fish ponds and waterfalls. Sepp's talents also included stained glass and he produced many exquisitely designed pieces.

In celebrating his wild and sometimes inconvenient life, we ask that everybody be happy and his song "Love is International". Sepp has been cremated and a celebration of life will take place this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his beloved choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hamilton. You can contact them at 905-974-9878 or email at tlchamilton2020@gmail.com.

Comments



“ Your dad was larger than life, Doris, a true entertainer. Sending love to you and your family.

Victoria Lambourne

victoria lambourne - February 04 at 03:38 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family for your loss. We have happy memories of Sepp and the Biergarten in Knowlton during our time with the Ski Patrol at Mt Echo. His humour and joy of living always made the evening such fun.
Gayle & Gary Baillargeon

Gayle Baillargeon - February 03 at 08:19 AM



“ Dear Christa
It was with great sadness that I heard of Sepp's passing. He will always be remembered for the good times that he invoked through his wonderful music.

Know that I have been holding you in my prayers and that I am thinking of you during this very difficult time.

With heartfelt and sincere condolences,

Love
Elfriede

Elfriede Wendland - January 31 at 06:49 PM



“ Dear Christa and Family

I am so sorry to hear of Sepp's passing.

When I think of him, I remember his sense of humor, his talent for entertaining and his beautiful garden. I think of the times when we saw him perform and it brings me back to a night full with friends and laughter.

Sepp will remain forever in our thoughts and hearts. He will not be forgotten.

I will be thinking of you Christa.

Love Sigrid.

Sigrid Ewing - January 31 at 04:48 PM



“ Wade and Shirley send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family. We had a lot of good times and some not so good times but memories are what keeps us all going.

ShirleyHadlock - January 31 at 01:23 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I do remember many fun nights at the Beergarden. And have missed all of you. XOXO love

Shelly Coderre - January 31 at 04:33 PM



“ My sympathies to Doris and family.

Julie Benoit.

Julie Benoit-Rhicard - January 31 at 08:34 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathies for the loss of this special person! I have so many happy memories of Sepp’s Biergarten ... I actually danced the polka there to his wonderful music. He was irreplaceable. A unique person, place and time. Treasure your memories.



Ann E. Dyer - January 31 at 08:03 AM



“ My sympathies to to the Wurfbaum family.

Sherry Irwin Royea - January 31 at 07:41 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Wurfbaum family. I met Doris when we were teenagers in high school together; and I met the whole Wurfbaum family at this time, when they were living in Knowlton. They were a remarkable family, interesting, worldly and also very kind and very generous. I remember Sepp’s bellowing voice, he always filled the room! To me, he seemed to be always laughing and telling a story. I believe he lived his life to the fullest. I am sorry for your loss. God Speed.

Cindy (Butt) Westcott - January 30 at 03:08 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Wurfbaum family for your loss. Lots of good memories of Sepp, one that stands out for me while working at the same company as Sepp is a well dressed, intelligent ,good natured man in deep thought a lot of the times, then on the weekends he would be Sepp The Entertainer and what a show he would put on and Chris (Boule) on drums. You were always guaranteed a good time. God bless Sepp and his family.

Ronald Jennings - January 30 at 01:26 PM



“ Was a great place for dancing. Those days disappeared all too soon. Dancing is a thing of the past. Sympathies to the family and all the polka dancers out there!

Don - January 31 at 09:51 AM



“ Dear Christa and family,

our sincere condolences to you all.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, dear Christa.

With loving thoughts,

Margaret and Terry

Margaret Dutnall - January 31 at 01:59 PM



“ Doris & all the Wurfbaum Family my sympathy to you all, All the people of Knowlton of a certain age have fond memories of dancing the night away at "Sepp's" May he rest in Peace.Chrissy

Christine Cole

Christine Cole - January 31 at 02:18 PM



“ I just heard the very sad news from Elfriede. Please accept our deepest condolences to all the family. May God give you courage to bear this great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Fond regards

Jameela & Inam

Jameela Haque - January 31 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Christa and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you,

Our deepest sympathy.

from your icestock schiesser, Erich and wife Susan Butz

Erich and Susan BUTz - February 01 at 05:08 PM