



Robert Frank Golba

September 24, 1942 - October 15, 2019

In his 78th year, Bob died peacefully surrounded by love on October 15, 2019. Deeply loved by his wife, Ginny Gibson, his daughters, Melanie Golba (Alvaro Venturelli) and Heather Golba (predeceased, 2017) (David Baillie). Bob also warmly welcomed his step-daughters, Christine Gibson and Michele Gibson into his life. He was so proud of his grandchildren, Maia, Luca, Leo, Darcy and Daphne, was dearly loved by Judi & Jim Miller, his sister and brother in law, and was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Janet Golba, and brother Peter.

Bob was a Chartered Accountant by profession, but was happiest spending time with family and friends at The Cottage, on the tennis court, and travelling with Ginny and friends on trips across Europe, Canada, and spending winters in Florida, Arizona and Mexico. Bob brought joy and laughter to our lives with his joie de vivre, while also appreciating the simplicity and serenity of Buddhist philosophy.

We cannot begin to thank the very special staff of Unit 2 of Alexander Place, Waterdown for the loving care provided to Bob and our family as dementia slowly took him away from us.

Friends and family are invited to join in a Celebration of Life for Bob at the Rosedale Tennis Club, 42 Lawrence Rd., Hamilton, ON, L8M 3E3 (in Gage Park), on Sunday, November 24, 2019, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. We encourage you to remember his laughter, his sparkling eyes and his gentle kindness, and if you wish, make a donation to your favourite charity in his memory.

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 01:30PM - 04:30PM

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Rosedale Tennis Club

42 Lawrence Road, Hamilton, ON, CA, L8M 3E3

Comments



“ I remember meeting Ginny for the first time with Bob. He introduced me as his “best friend”. I was honoured when Bob said this. Men don’t normally introduce their friends, even their best friends this way, especially old accountants. Over the last 50 years of our lives, we spent a lot of time together. We worked together in the CA firm in the early 70’s. He brought me back into the firm after a stint in industry and I worked with him in the firm into the 1980s and then again for the government in our later years. We worked long hours together, played tennis every chance we got, partied, vacationed and laughed throughout. Our continued camaraderie included weekly tennis with Joe, Grant, Brian, John, Leo and others at Hillside, Mohawk, Hamilton and finally Rosedale tennis clubs. We also played tennis regularly, with our wives, followed by parties or suppers. I did renovations and cabinetry work on just about every home that Bob lived in. Marilyn and I were delighted to accompany Bob and Ginny when they were married in Mexico. We went on European vacations with Bob and Ginny, and Joe and Jane Sicurella, as well as numerous trips to Florida and to Tucson. We saw a lot of each other!

With Bob, we always laughed so much. I can recall many times sitting around a table with Bob and our friends, and all of us laughing until we were crying. Bob could come into a conversation and almost always deliver a line that was humorous. He didn’t care who he was talking to; if he thought of something funny he would say it. He lightened so many of our stuffy business meetings and always made work more relaxing and fun.

In reminiscing on our great friendship, I now realize I don’t laugh as much anymore (or play tennis as often). For everyone who knew Bob well, the world has become less fun.

He was my best friend!

Ron Legault - November 20 at 11:16 AM



“ My deepest condolences to my dear friend Mel and to all those who loved Bob. I have many fond memories of spending time at the cottage. Bob’s genuine warmth and playful sense of humour always made me feel welcome and comfortable in his presence. I will forever remember him chilling with a cigar gazing across the bay with a doting golden retriever by his side.

Portia Santucci - November 08 at 02:25 PM



“ Thank you, Portia. That’s such a classic Bob pose!

ginny gibson - November 11 at 05:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Remembering fondly all the times and laughs we shared together through our days at Cathedral High and later rooming together at Queens'. Bob was a great friend and always had a great sense of humor. My sincerest condolences to Ginny and all of Bob's family. Good bye old friend.

Ray Corsini

Ray Corsini - October 31 at 11:50 AM



“ Thanks for sharing, Ray. Bob always spoke so highly of you as a good friend and had great memories of your good times together!

ginny gibson - October 31 at 12:21 PM



“ Remembering Bob's excitement at meeting Ginny for the first time at Hamilton Tennis Club. And witnessing the romance grow through that season. Our condolences, Lynn & Leo

Lynn Gates and Leo Gervais - October 28 at 10:54 AM



“ Thanks for helping Bob and I connect at Hamilton Tennis Club, and for sharing your memories. Great times!

ginny gibson - October 30 at 01:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and sympathy are with you Ginny. May all your happy times together with Bob comfort you.

Flo and Janice Drouin - October 25 at 11:35 AM



“ Thanks, Flo and Janice, I appreciate your kind thoughts.

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 02:08 PM



“ Sorry to hear. RIP Bob.

Sidney Millin - October 24 at 09:29 PM



“ We appreciate your thinking of Bob and know he is now at peace.

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 02:03 PM



“ So many happy, fun memories over the years with our “Roberto” will live on forever.

Grant and Shirley Martin - October 24 at 12:15 PM



“ Thanks, Grant and Shirley. Thanks for your friendship and sharing memories of our great times together!

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 10:07 AM



“ "Ginny. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband Bob. I am thankful you had a few years of happiness together. You are thought of often as you journey through life." Bryon

Bryon Brown - October 23 at 07:09 PM



“ Thanks so much, Bryon, good to hear from you. Lots of happy memories.

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 10:06 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you. Bob was a real gentleman on and off the court. Ken and Marianna

ken Drake - October 23 at 09:46 AM



“ Thanks Ken and Marianna. We had great times with you and the rest of the tennis gang.

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 10:04 AM



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Pat Greenwood - October 22 at 02:18 PM



“ Bob could always make us laugh ... especially when he adopted his charmingly befuddled manner! Looking back at good times together we also remember Dreamer, a special friend who shared in the fun.

Much love to Ginny and our sympathies to Bob's family and friends.

Pat and Ron

Pat and Ron Greenwood - October 22 at 02:05 PM



“ Thanks, Ron & Pat, you've been a wonderful support and we have many great memories to share about Bob (and Dreamer!).

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 10:01 AM



“ We will always remember Bob's dry sense of humour, kind, and gentle manner. He always had something funny to add to the games we played New Year's Eve.

We are sad to lose him. Our sympathies to Ginny, a wonderful caregiver, and the family.

Sincerely,
Bob & Irene Hayworth

irene Hayworth - October 22 at 12:11 PM



“ Thanks very much, Irene and Bob. I have good memories of those New Year's Eve times with Bob and the gang.

Ginny Gibson - October 25 at 09:56 AM