



Rev. Robert Colin Peirce

August 6, 1930 - October 31, 2019

Peacefully at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, on Thursday, October 31, 2019, in his 90th year. Predeceased by his loving partner, Judy McAllister, and sister Betty. Dear brother of Jean Shepherd (Hamilton), and Ven. Fred Peirce (Victoria, BC). Cherished father of Stephen (Bonnie) Cambridge, and Nancy Gaulton (James) Dundas. He will be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Born and raised in Hamilton, Bob worked many jobs, including at DOFASCO before being called to the ministry. He served in many communities but eventually settled back in Hamilton, where he officiated at countless weddings. Special thanks to Dr. Boyle, Dr. Alton and the palliative care staff at St. Joseph's Healthcare for your kindness, comfort and support to all. Memorial Service to be held at Hamilton Air Force Club, 128 King St. E. Dundas, on Saturday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. Luncheon to follow. Expressions of sympathy to the Alzheimer Society, or St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Events

NOV **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Hamilton Air Force Association

128 King Street East, Dundas, ON, CA, L9H 1N5

Comments



“ Uncle Bob: I somehow got the feeling that from a young boy up into my teen years, Uncle Bob was a little more like an older brother than an Uncle.

My first memory of Uncle Bob was when I took my first journey into the basement of my grandparents home on Park Row. I was maybe 4 or so and there in front of me was Uncle Bob (although my memory is a little sketchy here) wearing what I think was an engineers hat monitoring the progress of what seemed to me to be the largest electric train set imaginable. His model train tracks in the mind of a small boy seemed to go on forever.

I always enjoyed the family gatherings we had and if Uncle Bob was there (which he usually was) I knew there was going to be a lot of fun to be had. A bit of a Jokestar and with his boisterous personality how could you not have a good time.

Then there were the Tiger Cat games that he would occasionally take me to. We were both die-hard fans of the Cats and it didn't matter that we usually sat in the endzone. In fact I think we belonged there with all the other loud and unruly ti-cat fans.

My first driving lesson: When I was 15 Uncle Bob had relocated to Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island and I was invited to spend a week there that summer. One bright sunny day we went for a drive on one of the remote country roads up there and out of the blue he asked me if I wanted to drive. Well the only driving experience I had up to that point was tipping over a go-kart at Lakeland beach. But I wasn't going to turn down the opportunity to drive a real car! So for the next half hour I was king of the road as I ground up the manual transmission of Uncle Bobs ride. And through it all Uncle Bob never flinched. Don't know what he was really thinking but he just smiled, and continued to give instructions and encouragement.

I didn't see Uncle Bob all that much after my teen years but whenever I did see him, nothing much seemed to have changed. At any particular time it might have been a few years since we had any contact but an easy conversation would begin as if it had only been a couple of days. The optimistic attitude towards life he exuded around me will always be remembered.

So, when our Tiger-Cats hoist the grey cup on November 24 I will think of Uncle Bob and how much he would have enjoyed the moment. I will hear his Oskee-wee-wee and imagine the wide contented smile on his face as I raise a glass and toast Uncle Bob.

Eric



“ i WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I TALKED WITH YOUR DAD, IT WAS AT THE FUNERAL OF MY OWN FATHER. HE WAS VERY CARING AND UNDERSTANDING WHEN I COULD NOT SPEAK THAT DAY. I WAS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE MY BIG BROTHER SAY WHAT I COULDN'T. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO YOU ALL. FROM THE O'CONNOR FAMILY

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