



Robert George Sword

July 17, 1950 - January 11, 2021

Passed peacefully at the Hamilton General Hospital after a brief illness on January 11, 2021 with family by his side. He will be forever missed by his wife Wendy (née Green), sons Eric (Melanie) Sword, Trevor Sword, Colin (Nicki) Sword, and Brendon (Karalee) Sword. Devoted and proud grampa to Russell, Andrea, Brooklyn, Wyatt, and Gavin (deceased). Brother to William (Katie Kucza) Sword, Doreen (Paul) Johnston, and Gloria Beckner. Brother-in-law to Sherry (Nigel) King. Also survived by his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, William George Sword and Lillian Jean (Cameron) Sword.

Bob treasured summer vacations at cottages with his family, especially just hanging out with the grandkids, playing games, and teaching them how to kayak and fish. He was a financial advisor with Primerica and an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Dundas.

Arrangements by Circle of Life, Dundas. Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. In memory of Bob, donations to Hamilton Health Sciences <https://hamiltonhealth.ca/memorialgiving/> (Designation "Other", Coronary Care Unit) or to Cure SMA Canada <https://curesma.ca/ways-to-give/> in remembrance of Gavin would be appreciated.

Comments



“ To the Sword Family: Our sincere condolences to all of you. We have enjoyed many memorable moments with the Sword family over the years and welcomed our time together. We have shared many of lifes blessings and tears as our families flourished. Ours prayers and good wishes are with you. We will get together again soon to raise a glass for our many memorable moments. May God bless all of you.

Bill and Jan Helmer

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.



William Helmer - February 02 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Wendy,
It was extremely sad news to learn of Bob's passing. We spent a lot of time together during our youthful years in New Hamburg. He was always respectful, kind and considerate of the people around him. Have many good memories of times together with you and Bob during high school and our early marriage years. Bob was a good friend

My thoughts and hugs are with you and the family.

Doug Torrie

Doug Torrie - January 22 at 06:49 PM



“ Dear Wendy,
My most sincere condolences to you and your family. Thinking of you during this difficult time.
Ann Salvador xo

Ann Salvador - January 19 at 01:59 PM



“ Dear Wendy,
It was with great sadness that I heard about your husband's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts at this very difficult time. The School of Nursing faculty and staff join me in sending their deepest condolences. Paula Forgeron

Paula Forgeron - January 18 at 06:21 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this news... I have fond memories of Bob from those days years ago when the boys were all small...and the sword household was a busy one. Thinking of you all... Mavis (Nunn) Currie.

Mavis Currie - January 17 at 09:59 PM



“ Dear Wendy, Eric, Trevor, Colin, Brendan & Families,
I am so incredibly sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have many fond memories of him, but one that stands out in my mind is when he drove Trevor and I to a Garth Brooks concert in Buffalo. (Not his taste in music and believe me, he made fun of me the whole way there.) The fact that Bob would drive us there and back, not to mention hang out while waiting for the concert to finish, just goes to show what a devoted family man he truly was.
I consider myself lucky to have known him. May he Rest In Peace.
Kate Edward (Robinson)

Kate Edward - January 17 at 08:12 PM



“ Wendy, Kathy and I are so saddened about Bob's passing. We have no words to express this and our hearts go out to you Eric and Mel, their children, along with Trevor, Colin, Niki and Wyatt, Brandon and Karalee. Big virtual hug from us and if you guys need anything, please lean on us. We know Bob will be greatly missed by all, but still be in the minds and hearts of family and friends for ever.

Sincerely
Rick, Kathy and Hunter

Rick Sword - January 17 at 10:05 AM



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Rick Sword - January 17 at 10:01 AM



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Rick Sword - January 17 at 10:00 AM



“ Wendy. We are so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Our sincere condolences to you and your family and to his brothers and sisters. I well remember Robert as a debonair young teenager. I best remember him from our fishing and camping trips. He really enjoyed just sitting in a boat just dangling a hook and worm, not caring if he caught anything, just admiring the blue water, the tranquil scenery and enjoying the fresh air-----or sitting on the dock first thing in the morning, with his coffee and smoking a colt, watching the mist swirl on the water. May he rest in peace.
Ken and Sheila Beckner

ken beckner - January 16 at 08:27 PM



“ Wendy. I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My sincere condolences. I trust your family will be a comfort and help for you in this difficult time. Take care
Carolyn Ingram

Carolyn Ingram - January 16 at 01:56 PM



“ Wendy, we were so shocked and saddened to learn of Bob's passing. The video tribute says so much about the kind of loving man he was. Sending our sincere condolences to you and all of your family for now and always.
Dianne Chappel and Al Shantz

Dianne Chappel - January 16 at 12:42 PM



“ Bob was a pillar in my world. He gave sage advice, walked at my pace, took direction from my requests and never put his own ideas first. He knew the balanced wisdom of life – Maker, Family, Home and Work – and reminded me, from time to time. His invitation to work alongside him in business has changed who I am, mostly because of the wise influence of this gentle giant.
As we remember Bob with coffee in hand, sharing a story or two, we will miss him at Knox Dundas too. Again, he was a quiet strength there, holding much information in confidence and being the glue that held many pieces together.
Let us carry a little of Bob into our worlds by being more thoughtful, having willing hands in times of trouble, listening intently and valuing one in the moment, making a phone call to stay in touch and investing in the lives of our children and grandchildren. I will miss your calming presence, Bob.

Joy Thomson

Joy Thomson - January 16 at 10:53 AM



“ Nicely said Joy. I didn't know him well but always enjoyed his company
Larry MacRitchie - January 16 at 05:58 PM



“ Dear Wendy, Thinking of you at this sad time and sending my sincerest sympathy.
Pat Ellis

Patricia Ellis - January 16 at 07:56 AM



“ To Wendy (and family). I am deeply saddened to hear about your loss. I am at a loss for what to say except that I will be thinking of you and sending you and yours love and light in the coming days.

Jocelyn Wiens - January 15 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Wendy, as part of your tribe of students, I send my condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Natasha

Natasha Parmar - January 15 at 05:25 PM



“ I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to know Bob Sword - if only for a little while. His passing will leave a big hole in all our hearts.

Rosalind Kemp Gleave - January 15 at 03:08 PM



“ Dear Wendy, I was sorry to learn about the death of your husband. My sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Barbara Davies

Barbara Davies - January 15 at 02:59 PM



“ Bob was a mentor to me, not just in business, but as a person. The humility, grace and patience he showed to others is something I continue to strive for. His generosity of time and a listening ear was endless and he made you feel important to him at every turn. His actions as a stand-in Santa Claus were better than any other. He turned my "afraid-of-everything" daughter into a true and excited believer. He will be greatly missed by us all. We miss you, Bob.

Heather Schreiber - January 15 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear Wendy, I am so sorry to learn of your husband's passing. I cannot imagine the depth of your grief. My sincerest sympathies to you and your family. May he Rest In Peace.

Jeannette LeGris - January 16 at 10:20 AM



“ I will never forget many special times with our wonderful friend Bob. Almost twenty years ago I spent a day driving through the country visiting some new clients of his and we stopped around to the bank he retired from -everyone came out to see Bob some with a little tear in their eye so happy to see him. He had friends who loved him everywhere. Good friends. We will truly miss this outstanding, outsized caring man as long as we have memory.

Wendy , we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family as you mourn this Prince of a man we all loved.

Doug and Donna Jackson

Doug Jackson - January 15 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Wendy, my condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Noori Akhtar-Danesh

Noori Akhtar-Danesh - January 15 at 10:38 AM



“ My heart is broken! Bob was like a brother to Fred and I. We shared wonderful memories and times together at Primerica for over 20 years. Can't imagine my life without him! When my father passed away, the one thing that I was proud to say was that he was loved by all and I don't recall anyone being mad at him....Bob was that person too! I am proud to carry on the legacy of "Grandchick" for my grandchildren. At Bobs mom's funeral I listened to her grandchildren talk about their Grandchick, and I told Bob that my grandchildren would call me that and they do! He loved it! Our thoughts and prayers to all the family that he proudly talked about all the time!

Debbie and Fred MacDonald

Deb MacDonald - January 15 at 10:05 AM



“ Dear Wendy,
It is with sadness that I have received the news of Bob's death. I am thinking of you and your family at this time. I loved seeing the video of Bob and see how important his family was to him. What a tribute to him. All the best to you and yours.
Carolyn Byrne

Carolyn Byrne - January 15 at 09:00 AM



“ Dear Wendy,
I was so sorry to hear of Bob's death. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.
Catherine Tompkins

Catherine Tompkins - January 15 at 11:29 AM



“ Oh, Wendy... My heart breaks with your heart... Please know that I am thinking of you & your family at this most difficult time... I will think of Bob as I regularly visit Gavin's Memorial Tree in the Dundas Driving Park.
With love & hugs, Liz Reeves

Liz Reeves - January 15 at 08:00 AM



“ My condolences to you and your family, Wendy. I am thinking of our trip out to Seattle years ago - good memories. Barb

Barbara Carpio - January 14 at 10:14 PM



“ Almost 40 years ago I stood beside Uncle Robert during my Grandpa Sword's funeral.

Uncle Robert put his arm around me and comforted me despite his own tears and suffering. I can still feel his arm around my shoulder and also the kindness he showed me that day. Uncle Robert taught me the valuable lesson of how much a simple act of kindness can mean to someone for a lifetime. To Wendy, Eric, Trevor, Colin and Brendon, I am having good thoughts for all of you.

Dale.

Dale Beckner - January 14 at 09:46 PM



“ Dear Wendy, Eric, Trevor, Colin, Brendon

Robert left the world a legacy in the good and caring person that he was, and to you Eric, Trevor, Colin, and Brendon, he is still a part of all you are and do. To you Wendy may you find strength and comfort through this time of sorrow. To me, Robert was a very dear brother and I cannot imagine life without him. He will be remembered and missed so much.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Love Brother Bill and Katie

Bill Sword - January 14 at 07:51 PM



“ Wendy, Eric, Trevor, Colin, Brendon and family. We were shocked and saddened to hear about Bob's passing. He was a friend, a valued skating parent and “Santa” to hundreds of canskaters. He will be missed and fondly remembered.
Tom and Karen Falls

Karen Falls - January 14 at 07:44 PM



“ We are deeply saddened at Bob's passing he will be missed by everyone have known Bob for over 30 years and I enjoyed working with him on session projects at the church he was a man of many talents and a real gentleman
Sandra and Bruce Hamilton

Bruce Hamilton - January 15 at 03:38 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences from the Hill family. We will always remember him as being kind, gentle and a great dad to one of our best friends.
Our thoughts are with the Sword family.

Justin Hill - January 14 at 06:48 PM



“ Dear Wendy, my condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts.
Wendy Peterson

Wendy Peterson - January 14 at 05:31 PM



“ Dear Wendy, my condolences to you and your family at this time. Olive Wahoush

Olive Wahoush - January 14 at 04:51 PM



“ Dear Wendy and family, Our sincerely sympathy to all of you. We always had great appreciation for Bob for his wonderful support and friendship at Knox church. Great loss of a kind and gentle man! Love and prayers .
Warren and Joyce Gedcke

Warren and Joyce Gedcke - January 14 at 04:32 PM



“ We are broken hearted at the news of Bob's death.

So many good memories of this 'good and faithful servant'. Bob was always searching out ways to help others...no fanfare, no gravitas, just working and serving quietly behind the scenes to make things better and help out. A simple 'thank you' would never be enough to express what you meant to so many folks, especially those of Knox Dundas.

Don and Bob should have bought shares in Tim Horton's and Don will sorely miss his friendship and coffee 'dates', and the odd cigar.

We had a great deal of respect for Bob and his work at the church as Treasurer, Elder, soup maker, set-up and take down guy, snow removal at the manse, open and lock-up guy, member of every work party, and so much more.

Bob was a good friend and valued financial advisor to my Mom, Audrie Sherlock, and she will miss him dearly.

Thanks to the family for sharing the beautiful video tribute. It really captured Bob's close and loving relationship with his grandkids who he held so dear. Truly a "bestist" grandpa.

We will continue to hold Wendy, Eric, Trevor, Colin, and Brendon and their families in prayer.

We are so sorry for your loss,

Bonnie and Don Donaghey

Bonnie Donaghey - January 14 at 04:20 PM



“ Brother and oh such a special friend,,, he was my " younger" brother , but he was always "looking after me"
He was kind, and compassionate to all.
We have so many good memories we are sharing, and will never forget you , dear brother. Love you forever and ever,, Gloria

Gloria Beckner - January 14 at 03:41 PM



“ I first met Bob in the 1970s when he would come into the bank where I worked. Then a few years later he became our next door neighbour. For over thirty years we could not have had a better neighbour. He was always there to help when needed and over the years we became good friends with him, Wendy and their family. Bob babysat our cats for many years, not that he liked cats, but he did it anyway! We also enjoyed our summer evenings on the patio putting the world to rights and chatting about the family. We have lost a good friend and will sorely miss him. Our condolences to Wendy and the entire Sword family.

Janet and Mike Parker - January 14 at 03:20 PM



“ We are so shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Having worked with Doreen we were introduced to Bob many years ago and he became our Primerica rep. Always a kind gentleman who put our minds at ease and would help at the drop of a hat. We always looked forward to his visits here in Chatham. Our deepest condolences to Wendy and the entire family at this very difficult time.

Deb & George Brooks

George and Deb Brooks - January 14 at 01:21 PM



“ Remembering Bob as a kind and generous man. We have know him for many years as a dedicated member of Knox church and a good friend to the congregation. Thinking of you Wendy and Colin, Trevor and Brendan at this sad time and praying for peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead. Bob and Aileen Baxter

AILEEN BAXTER - January 14 at 12:32 PM



“ Dear Wendy, Brendan and Family: I am so very sorry to hear about Bob, and send my thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences at this difficult time. Sharon Gardner

Sharon Gardner - January 14 at 07:49 PM



“ Until Monday January 11th I had a Sister who is my soulmate and two of the most caring, sharing wonderful Brothers in the whole world..and then we lost little Brother Robert. When anyone called for a hand for any reason,Robert would be first in line to help. Robert's love of life was his family, the many people he met throughout his years with Primerica Financial and his never ending involvement with his Church family. We miss you Robert and our hearts ache but we are all so thankful and richer for the time we had you with us. When I break down and my heart is heavy, I tell myself this is Robert nudging my heart to say.."I am still with you and I love you". Rest in peace Little Brother, carry your precious Grandson Gavin in your arms.. one day we will all be together again..

Doreen Johnston - January 15 at 11:56 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Grampa



wendy.sword - January 14 at 12:31 PM



“ Lovely video. This is how we will always remember Bob, he was always happiest when he was with his family and especially the grandchildren. They will sorely miss him.

Janet and Mike Parker - January 14 at 03:01 PM



“ Thanks to Melanie for putting this video together!

wendy.sword - January 14 at 05:47 PM



“ Wonderful of Melanie. His love for his grandchildren and the pleasure he had in interacting with them shines! Such a lovely addition to the written memories and tributes.

Elizabeth Rideout - January 14 at 06:35 PM



“ Wendy - My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Betty McCarthy

Betty McCarthy - January 15 at 01:10 PM



“ What a beautiful keepsake of a very special man

Marilyn - January 16 at 01:48 PM



“ Bob was a great person.Love working with him in Burford at Td.He will bee missed.Sharon Laurie

sharon - January 16 at 02:09 PM



“ Bob was a great Colleague and Friend. I miss him every day especially when I walk into the Office.

A friend makes the world we live in , a better and happier place.

Thanks for being my friend Bob.

Horst

HORST KLYNE - January 22 at 12:17 PM



“ My condolences to Bob's family. Always a gentleman and ready to help. I knew him through our friendship with Jane Kappelé and subsequently as a Primerica client. May God grant you peace, the courage to carry on and bless you with happy memories.
Sincerely,
Ina Wrigley
Calgary

Ina Wrigley - January 14 at 11:30 AM



“ Susan Watt is following this tribute.

Susan Watt - January 14 at 11:25 AM