



## Dr. George Vaughan

June 6, 2025

Dr. George Ernest Ryan Vaughan of Chatham and formerly of Wallaceburg passed away peacefully with family by his side in Chatham on June 6, 2025 at the age of 88. George was the son of the late Ernest Edmunds & Thelma (Carvalho) Vaughan. Beloved husband of Una Wilson and the late Veronica (Clough) Vaughan. Loving father of Rupert (Sherry Knutson), Helen Vaughan and Vanessa Vaughan (Julian Doan). Dear grandfather of Xavier, Dominic, Alexandra Cedeno and Antonio Cedeno. Born in India and weaned on spice, George never lost his love for fiery hot curries. A rugby player as a youth, George won admission to the prestigious medical school at Trinity College at Cambridge University. During his surgical residency, while driving his Austin Healey convertible, he picked up a tall, beautiful woman off the street who would later become his wife Veronica. Shortly after, they emigrated to Canada, had three children and eventually settled in Wallaceburg, realizing George's dream of practicing as a country surgeon. He relished his time at Sydenham District Hospital, fought for years to keep it open and was heartbroken to see it closed. George taught his son Rupert how to drive cars and pilot boats at age 13 so he could enjoy his burgeoning wine collection safely. That wine collection was broken into a few times by Helen and her friends but rather than scolding her for drinking, he instead asked her not to choose the most expensive wine next time. By the time Vanessa was interested in the wine collection, she had already learned where the hidden key was and George was none the wiser. George was a committed husband,

who after his wife was diagnosed with M.S., continued to stand by her and ensure their lives were filled with travel and enjoyment with dignity and love. After Veronica passed away in 2010, George slowed his practice down and revisited his childhood hobbies of golf and reading, eventually fully retiring in 2015. As a curious gentleman, he embarked on several cruises throughout the world and enjoyed theatre, fine art and cultural excursions until the pandemic in 2020. During the pandemic, George suffered a heart attack and miraculously survived triple bypass surgery, giving him a new lease on life. In 2023 he met Una and fell in love. The two married in August of 2024 and were extremely happy. George and Una complimented one another with their high fashion looks. They were regular fixtures on the dance floor of the Erieau Yacht Club. Una and George were able to travel to Panama and throughout the Caribbean together. George sparked a love of cars in Una and convinced her to drive him everywhere so he could continue to enjoy his now overflowing wine collection. Some of those trips were long drives to Chicago to visit his son and explore the cultural and epicurean scene there. Over the past 6 months George finally began to show his age and with the help of Una, smoothly transitioned to simpler, quieter things. Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Tuesday, June 17 from 11 am – 12:45 pm. A Funeral Mass of the Resurrection at Our Lady Help of Christians Church will follow at 1 PM. Interment in Riverview Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home  
409 Nelson Street  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4G9 (CA)  
(519) 627-3231  
[contact@cavanaghfuneralhome.ca](mailto:contact@cavanaghfuneralhome.ca)  
<https://www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca>

## Funeral Mass

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
422 Elgin Street  
Wallaceburg, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. George Vaughan



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 16, 2025 at 04:13 PM

HD

Helen, Alexandra and Antonio and family. I was sorry to hear of the loss of George. Prayers for all.

Heather Dunlop - June 20, 2025 at 01:25 AM

GR

A great man, will be always in many memories, so sorry family Vaughan.

Gabriela Ruiz - June 28, 2025 at 11:11 AM

AA

“ Anika Altiman lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



Anika Altiman - April 04 at 01:36 AM

CB

“ *Connie Blair lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan*



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**Connie Blair** - August 17, 2025 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ *Sherry and Dave Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of George Vaughan*



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**Sherry and Dave Crowe** - June 19, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LF

“ *The death of my brother George has devastated me. The end of an era. Jim as the family called him was the man of the family from the age of seven. While our father was a prisoner of war.*

*He was a man of many talents, a wonderful student and a good sportsman. At prep school he won the victor ludorem several times. He was a brilliant surgeon and a true friend. Someone who was always ready to put others first. A small family but a loving one. A bientôt Jim.*

*Love*

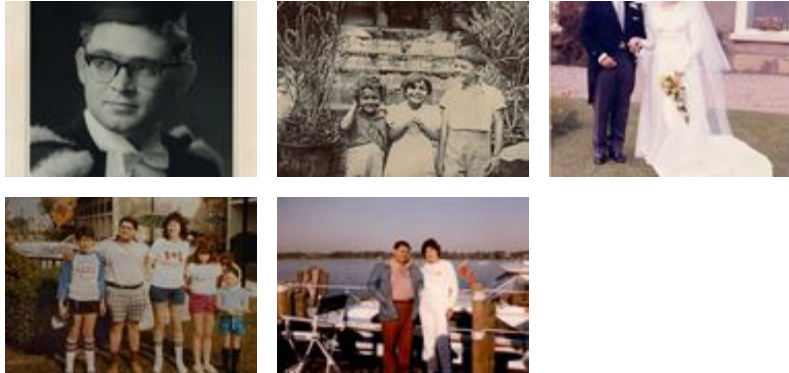
*Betty.*

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**Liz Freeman.** - June 17, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 16, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CF

“ Una, I am so sorry to hear of George's passing. I just met George once, but he was so cheerful and had a wonderful smile. I am sorry you had such little time with him, you two seemed so sweet together. My sincere condolences to you and to the rest of George's family. Cathy Fancy

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Cathy Fancy - June 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM

TH

“ Dear Una, Rupert, Helen and Vanessa,  
I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Vaughan's passing. I worked with him in ambulatory care at SDH for many years. He was a very compassionate doctor. I am sure you all of heard many wonderful stories of his kindness and dedication to his patients but I would like share just one more. It was late Thursday when we got the results back on an excision we had done on Mrs.B. It was cancer. He was booked solid on the Friday. But he did not want to wait till Monday to tell her. Mrs. B. was so worried and she wanted to know the results. He stayed late that day as he did so many times to see her. His compassion was very true. That is the guy of man and doctor he was. May all these wonderful memories help heal the pain of loosing him. He and Dr. Veronica were such a huge part of SDH and the community.  
Sincerely  
Tracy Henry

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**Tracy Henry** - June 15, 2025 at 10:40 PM

JM

“ Drs.George and Veronica Vaughan came to Wallaceburg and quickly became pillars of our community, treating their patients with skill and care, supporting and defending our hospital,and becoming strong and supportive friends to so many of us. We were so lucky to have them. We are sorry to hear of George's passing and offer our sympathies to his widow,Una,and his children and grandchildren. May he rest in peace knowing that he made a positive difference in the lives of all who knew him.  
John and Diana Mathany

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**John and Diana Mathany** - June 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

CM

“ Our deepest condolences to the Vaughan family. Your Mom and Dad were beautiful people, We spent time together several times, always fun to be with.

*I saw Doctor George just a couple weeks ago in Walmart had a short hello with him. Carmen and Tony Myers*

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**carmen myers** - June 13, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Vaughan. I worked with him for many years at Sydenham which he and Veronica fought so hard for. He was at times my Dr. and was a neighbour with a friendly wave as he passed by. May he rest in peace.

*Joyce and John Feher*

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**Joyce Feher** - June 13, 2025 at 08:40 AM

AB

“ Remembering time spent working with Dr. Veronica giving anaesthetics and teaching us how to start IVs and Dr. George Vaughan performing surgical procedures to make our patients well again, all in the OR @ SDH. My condolences to Una a friend of my late mother and to Rupert, Helen, Vanessa and their families.

*Anne Van Den Bossche*

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**Anne Van Den Bossche** - June 13, 2025 at 12:54 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Vaughan's passing. I have many fond memories of the family when friends with Helen in grade school. My condolences to Helen and the family. Josephine Stewart

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**Josephine Stewart** - June 12, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Vaughan family. Your dad and Husband was not only a wonderful doctor who took time with his patients but he was a wonderful person of integrity. Our community is a better place for having people like Drs George and Veronica Vaughan among us.*

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**Carol Bryden** - June 11, 2025 at 11:56 PM

RA

“ *Rita and Gary.Authier*



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**Rita Authier and Gary Authier** - June 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

RA

“ *Rita Authier lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan*



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**Rita Authier** - June 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RF

“ *Such a wonderful man. Our condolences to his family. We were neighbours many years ago. Our kids played together out in the crescent in front of our homes. That seems so long ago. Thinking of you all. Rest in peace George. Remi and Debbie Foulon*

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**Remi and Debbie Foulon** - June 11, 2025 at 07:13 PM

MA

“ My sincere condolences and prayers and love goes out to the Vaughn family. I spent many hr with Dr George and Dr Veronica working in their home and office . Lots of memories .George was a great Dr and a great family man RIP 🙏🌸❤️

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**Margaret Aarsen** - June 11, 2025 at 06:17 PM

KV

“ Sending deepest sympathies to Dr Vaughns family and friends. Working with him at Sydenham he was always kind and pleasant with the staff and did like to joke and have a few laughs as well. We thankyou for all you've done to help our hospital in your years of service and I'm your retirement. Rest easy Dr Vaughn.

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**Karrie VanCaille** - June 11, 2025 at 06:04 PM

KW

“ I have known George and Veronica since about 85 when I was with maintenance at the hospital. I repaired many things for them at their home over the years. He always struck me as the perfect English gentleman. Many things I did for him, I know he could have done, but as he told me, he did not want to risk his hands. He felt a large responsibility to this town. I chided him about retirement and he said he couldn't because getting another surgeon to town was not happening. A very minor surgery he did for me he referred to as the Friday afternoon special. Cause by Monday you could go back to work. I miss Veronica and I will miss him. I'm sadden to of seen them both leave.

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**Kevin Woods** - June 11, 2025 at 03:11 PM

BS

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences to All The Family and Friends of Dr. Vaughan, he was a great surgeon who took good care of his patients. He will be missed!!  
RIP George



Brian and Elaine Shaw - June 11, 2025 at 03:11 PM

VE

“ Sad to hear. Dr. Vaughan operated on me when I was fifteen. He was a great surgeon. Rest in peace. You helped so many.

Vaughn Ewing - June 11, 2025 at 02:12 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the Vaughn family and friends. In my childhood in Wallaceburg, we would often visit Rupert, Helen or Vanessa and the family home and George and Veronica were always welcoming and provided great hospitality. In recent years, I also had the opportunity to play several rounds of golf with Dr. Vaughn and he was a true gentleman and sportsman. We will miss him out on the course.

Shane McElligott.

Shane McElligott - June 11, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MA

It takes a strong person to be a surgeon in a small town - not many can understand what dedication and sacrifice that took - not to mention - thick skin - thank you for sticking around Wallaceburg for so many years - when the line was short to do so - our family always appreciated the fact that you were around if and when needed - rest in peace

Michelle Anjema - June 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM

NS

“ My condolences to Rupert, Helen and Vanessa. I grow up with the Vaughan's as they lived at of Lillian St. I remember so many memories of going to the Vaughan home and the smell of curry always made you hungry.

*My mom worked and new both Dr George & Una Vaughan. I had Dr Vaughan as a surgeon and he took great care of me.*

*Nathan Saylor*

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**NATHAN SAYLOR** - June 11, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BA

“ My condolences to all the family..I cherished the time i worked with him in the operating room during my years I was in sydenham.. He was a great surgeon and had a kind heart.. he created many memories for sure.

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**Betty aitken** - June 11, 2025 at 08:05 AM

RA

*Dr. Vaughn was a very pleasant and wonderful Doctor. Rip Dr. Vaughn. Gary and Rita Authier*

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**Rita Authier** - June 11, 2025 at 03:28 PM

DD

“ My sincere condolences to Una and the Vaughan family. I first met Dr. Vaughan when I moved to Chatham Kent in 2004 as a young family doctor. He was always kind and very helpful with any requested consultation. It was an absolute pleasure to reconnect with him recently through his marriage to Una. His service and dedication to the community was greatly appreciated. My thoughts and prayers to all of his loved ones.

*Dr. Jason Denys and Family*

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**Dr. Jason Denys** - June 11, 2025 at 07:03 AM

TH

“ A wonderful doctor. A "life well-lived." My heartfelt condolences to all.

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**Tanya Hardy** - June 10, 2025 at 10:52 PM

JD

“ Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



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**Julie DeMeyer** - June 10, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to Dr Vaughans family and friends



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**Lance Babcock** - June 10, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JB

“ So very sorry for your loss Helen and family,  
as well as to all who knew and cared for him



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**Judy Beresford** - June 10, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Alexandra, Helen and the rest of the  
Vaughn family. May your memories comfort you

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**Donna John** - June 10, 2025 at 05:26 PM

BP

“ Our Condolences to the Family , Dr. V was a  
Great One , Loved his accent when he  
stopped by for a Chat at the Ambulance Bay  
behind the Hospital, sorry to here of his  
Passing



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**Bill ,Janice Pearson** - June 10, 2025 at 03:29 PM

ET

“ My sincere condolences to the family, thanks  
Doc for saving my life in 2007,



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**Etienne Tack** - June 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CH

“ I am very thankful for him he took out my hot appendix. My doctor had sent me to the er to see him and he started me on antibiotics and told me he would be back at 7 pm as he had to go and feed his wife. He came back on time and did my surgery the appendix broke after he took it out. He made sure that everything was good inside before he closed me. I will always be eternally grateful. Prayers to all his family and friends. You are truly an angel.



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**Carol-Ann Howe** - June 10, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RA

“ I often think back to my many years shared with the Vaughan family. Both George and Veronica were mentors that helped shape both my personal and professional life. My heart is with Rupert, Helen, and Vanessa.

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**Rose Atkins** - June 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SH

“ Scott & Janet Henry lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



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**Scott & Janet Henry** - June 10, 2025 at 11:11 AM

CH

“ I first met Dr. George, Dr. Veronica, Rupert, Helen and Vanessa when they first moved to town and was their babysitter until the kids were independent. In fact they were my first client and a delight to work for. Our community was blessed to have the privilege of both doctors service our hospital. They made a mark on the community and now with their passings, a hole. My condolences to Una, Rupert, Helen, Vanessa and families.

Cynthia (Ross) Hiatt - June 10, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JD

“ George was not only a great doctor, but a good friend. We shared many golf, theatre outings, and dinner evenings together. He was always pleasant and kind. I'd like to extend my condolences to the family, and hope that your many wonderful memories of family life help to relieve the sadness of your loss.

Jackie Dalgety - June 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MD

“ Mike and Vicky Davis lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



Mike and Vicky Davis - June 10, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Cathy Vandavelde lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



Cathy Vandavelde - June 10, 2025 at 09:07 AM

RY

“ Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan



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**Rose-Marie Yazbeck** - June 10, 2025 at 08:34 AM

SB

“ I met Dr. George Vaughan in 2010, when he and his children were grappling with the painful loss of their dear mother, Victoria. Despite the heaviness of their grief, George's warmth shone through. As his obituary noted, he was a devoted father and someone who truly enjoyed life. He even shared stories about his wine collection, reminding us all of the little joys we can still celebrate.

*My heartfelt condolences go out to Una and his children—Rupert, Helen, and my dear friend Vanessa. May the beautiful memories of George and Victoria wrap around them like a comforting embrace in these tough times.*

*Sami Basbous*

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**Sami Basbous** - June 10, 2025 at 06:53 AM

MS

“ Sincere Condolences to Una & all of Dr. Vaughan's family. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Vaughan for many years & have also been well cared for as his patient. It was an honour to have known him. I'm so happy to know that he found love again with his wife Una & enjoyed his past few years with her travelling & hopefully sharing some of that great wine.



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**Marjory and Rick Smith** - June 09, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PG

“ *Una, my condolences to you and George’s family on his passing. Please know that you are in the Y ladies thoughts and prayers.*  
*Patsy Gault*

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**Patsy Gault** - June 09, 2025 at 08:04 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of George Vaughan*



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**Gerry Flynn** - June 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

LP

“ *My condolences to family  
RIP Dr Vaughn you were an amazing doctor  
and person*



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**Lola Pamer** - June 09, 2025 at 04:19 PM