



Rex Crawford

July 20, 2022

The world is down one gravelly voiced legend who lived a life of purpose and integrity.

It is with profound sadness that the family of Rex Crawford announces his passing on July 20th. He died peacefully at the CKHA Wallaceburg site in his ninety-first year surrounded by his loving wife and his three adoring daughters.

Rex developed a passion for helping others in his youth and continued to devote himself to that cause throughout his life. His love for his community and public service was only surpassed by his love and devotion for his family.

Rex was born February 25th, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Malcolm Crawford and the former Maude Skinner. He is survived by his devoted wife of sixty-eight years Ruth Anne, his daughters Jane (Matthew) Manneke, Judith (Brian) Glover and Sandra (Scott) Zavitz. He is also survived by six grandchildren, (Cameron, Courtney, Cole, Zachary, Mackenzie and Brynelle) and five great grandchildren (Reid, Spencer, Colin, Henry and Stella) all of whom brought much joy to his life. He is predeceased by daughter Carolyn (1963) and by sister Virginia (2015). He will be greatly missed by his many nieces and nephews and their children. He missed his faithful and much-loved canine companion Dexter (2020) to his dying day.

Rex completed his secondary school education at St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Ontario. It was there that he developed the leadership skills which served him well throughout his life. He was forever grateful for the guidance and the mentorship that he received at St. Andrew's. Rex also took extension courses from The Ontario Agriculture College in Farm Management as well as extension courses in farm engineering from Michigan State University.

Rex farmed in Dover Township growing tobacco, sugar beets, corn, bean, seed corn, oats and wheat. He managed 200 head of cattle during a 25-year period.

Rex served as St. Clair Conservation Foundation Director and was a member of The Kent Federation of Agriculture as well as The Christian Farms and The National Farmers Union.

His community service included Past President of The Dover Rod and Gun Club, The 55 Investment Club, Wallaceburg Jaycees, Ontario Jaycees, The National Jaycees, The Children's Treatment Centre Board, The Public General and Sydenham District Hospital Boards, The St. Clair Conversation Authority as Water Management Chair, Lower Thames Conservation Authority as Water Management Chair, Three Lodges, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, ARC Industries in Wallaceburg and The Dresden Rotary as well as Parliamentary Education and Liaison Officer for New York State, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Rex was elected as Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve of Dover Township and served as Warden of the County of Kent in 1987. He also served as Chair of The Dover Disaster Relief Fund and Flood Prevention Committee and as President of The Kent County Municipal Association.

He received "The Man of The Year Award" in Wallaceburg in 1988 and The

Rural Urban Citizen Award in 1988 from the Wallaceburg and District Chamber of Commerce and was also presented with The Friendship Service Award by The Royal Canadian Legion and the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition award from the Dresden Rotary Club.

He served local constituents as The Liberal Member of Parliament for Kent from 1988 to 1997. He was well known as an independent thinker who didn't always tow the party line.

Rex was instrumental in bringing the Ethanol Plant to Chatham delivering a cob of corn to every Liberal caucus member including Prime Minister Jean Chretien. He had friends in all parties, often attending the Western BBQ hosted by then Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski. He and a few other caucus members often had lunch with former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who contrary to popular opinion, enjoyed and supported MPs who spoke up for their constituents.

From 1998-2003, he was elected as a Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council Member, as well serving on the Health Board and the Fire Department Board.

Rex believed firmly in connecting with the people. He was often found in local coffee shops and restaurants listening to the views and opinions of others. He especially enjoyed his lunches at the round table at the Black Goose and was able to celebrate his ninetieth birthday there.

Rex was a lifelong member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Wallaceburg serving in the role of Elder.

Rex also enjoyed traveling to various locations throughout his life. Favourite destinations included Chile, England and Alabama. He also enjoyed many

excursions to the closer destination of Frankenmuth, Michigan where he enjoyed their annual car shows.

Following his retirement from politics, Rex enjoyed spending more time with his family, gardening, bird watching, feeding his beloved squirrels and was the proud owner of his own fleet of classic cars. In a true act of love, he gifted each of his grandchildren one of his classic cars last summer. He took great pleasure in seeing them experience the joys of being a classic car owner.

Rex endured many health challenges in his later years. He dealt with a number of ail courageously never wavering in his desire to continue to enjoy life's experiences. The family wishes to thank the staff of the CKHA Chatham and Wallaceburg sites for their care and compassion during his stays. We are blessed to have such amazing and dedicated health professionals in our community. Special thanks to Dr. Amster, who provided excellent care and concern. We also thank the staff of Bayshore Health Care, the EMS and fire department staffs. Forever grateful.

Special thanks to our dear friend Fran who truly was a beacon of light on many a grey day. We also thank our friend Donna who graciously provided time, care and compassion in the last year.

Rex leaves behind a true legacy of public service and devotion to his family. He stayed grounded to the end. In his own words, Rex summed it up very simply, "It has been a good life".

Visitation will take place at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME located at 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) on Sunday, July 24th from 5-8 p.m. The funeral service will be conducted at the Knox Presbyterian Church on Duncan Street in Wallaceburg on Monday, July 25h at 3:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior. If desired memorial donations to The

CKHA – Sydenham New Site Campaign or Carlo Rossini Memorial Fund may be left at the funeral home 519-627-3231. Shared memories may be left at www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rex Crawford



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 22, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MC

*Dear family of Rex,
Rex and I met the first day on the hill in 1988.
We sat near each other in the commons due to the alphabet and he made me laugh at least a dozen times every day we shared.
What a dear man. What a truly dedicated public servant, what a model family man.
I regret that we did not keep in touch. Please know that his warmth and kindness (especially in that inimitable rasp) was no small part of my fond memories of. Our shared time. God speed Rex, heaven is now an even better place.
Marty Clancy*

Mary Clancy - August 16, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ Rex Crawford

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

CC

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Ruth Ann and family.*

Colette Clarke Port Lambton



Colette Clarke - August 23, 2022 at 06:26 PM

WL

“ *Condolences to the Family on the passing of Rex. I worked together with Rex with the Ontario/Canada and JCI Jaycees and also in Parliament for many years. Rest In Peace my Friend.*

Walt Lastewka - August 16, 2022 at 05:54 PM

HB

“ *Condolences to the family of my former colleague Rex Crawford. Hon. Don Boudria, P.C., former MP and minister*

Hon. Don Boudria - August 16, 2022 at 03:49 PM

DK

“ *My condolences to the family, sorry for your loss.*

David Krogman - August 04, 2022 at 10:53 PM

BS

“ *Our Sincere Condolences to the Crawford Family!
RIP Rex*



Brian and Elaine Shaw - August 04, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ Dear Ruth Ann and family,

It's hard to see that we've lost another good one. I met Rex in 1996 when I went in to volunteer on the Hill. I'll never forget that when I walked into that office and gave him my name, he looked me over and said "Belanger... Belanger... You must be Mary's grandson!" I was absolutely floored by the amount of people that he knew in our community.

One of the biggest impacts Rex had in my life was when he called me down to the lobby beside the House of Commons Chamber (which isn't open to the public). This is a room where members of the party meet to discuss the day's events before they head into the House of Commons. Not only was I impressed by my surroundings, it was there that Rex surprised me again when he offered me a part-time job. The love he had for his constituents and the respect he had for our issues was unbelievable. It's true that he never felt obligated to vote the party line and he always put his constituency above his party. We really need more members of parliament like Rex.

The last conversation I had with Rex was over coffee at Mitchell's Bay right before the pandemic. We picked up right where we left off and had quite a few laughs remembering those days on the Hill. There was just something about that voice of his that made you want to listen for hours.

I'm fortunate to have had Rex in my life and I wish you and your family a lifetime of happiness.

David Paul Belanger - July 28, 2022 at 08:32 AM

SG

“ *Sandra Gibbons lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



sandra gibbons - July 27, 2022 at 05:14 PM

BN

“ *Condolances Ruth Ann, sorry for your loss.*

Bob van Noggeren - July 27, 2022 at 05:12 PM

CA

“ *Ruthann and family. I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

connie Abel - July 26, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JS

“ *Alvin & Joanne(Crawford) Smith and Family send their deepest condolences to Ruth Anne & Family.*

Jeff Smith - July 26, 2022 at 08:56 AM

PK

“ *Extending my deepest sympathy to the family. Paul Kellett*

Paul Kellett - July 25, 2022 at 10:45 PM

BT

“ *Bob Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Bob Thomas - July 25, 2022 at 05:51 PM

LT

“ *I have been reading the comments about Rex and his willingness to listen to people and his tireless contribution to the community. He will be missed. Our condolences to Ruth Anne and family. Linda and Ed Trinacty*

Linda and Ed Trinacty - July 25, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *So sorry to here of Rex's passing. He was a good man, and probably the reason I'm in the job I'm in today. He will be missed. George Lozon.*

George Lozon - July 25, 2022 at 12:36 PM

EZ

“ *Ed & Annette Zimmer lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Ed & Annette Zimmer - July 25, 2022 at 10:52 AM

JL

“ Ruth Anne and family, sorry to hear about the passing of Rex. I always enjoyed my conversations with Rex at the coffee shop in Dresden and at Rotary meetings. Also, when we were in Ottawa years ago Rex welcomed us warmly and gave us a personal tour of the parliament buildings which we appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time, praying that the peace of Christ would give you comfort.

John & Laurie Lang - July 25, 2022 at 09:32 AM

MD

“ To Ruth and the Crawford family. Our sincere condolences on the passing of Rex. A life well lived!

Mark and Arlene Delanghe

Mark Delanghe - July 25, 2022 at 08:42 AM

LH

“ Ruth Anne , Judith, Jane, Sandra and families It's hard to say goodbye to the good ones ! He will be missed We are thinking about you all at this most difficult time !
In 2005 when we took the girls to Ottawa and toured the Parliament Buildings We had to find Rex Crawford's name on the MP list ! The girls were pretty proud to say "I know him" he's our neighbour! One of many memories they have of Rex a great guy and neighbour!
Stuart, Lorrie Handsor and family !



Lorrie Handsor - July 24, 2022 at 10:54 PM

LT

“ *Lisa Tamblyn lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Lisa Tamblyn - July 24, 2022 at 10:52 PM

RY

“ *Ron & Susanna Yonkheym lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Ron & susanna Yonkheym - July 24, 2022 at 06:45 PM

MR

“ *Family and friends of Mr Crawford*

Our deepest sympathy.

MY husband Maurice and I always enjoyed conversation with Mr Crawford. He was well versed on many topics and had his facts in place. We respected this man during his political career. He did a fabulous job at every level he served.

May you be comforted with every gesture

May you share joy and laughter with every memory

May God grant you strength for days ahead

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time

RIP Mr. Crawford and thank you for all you did while serving our community.

Maurice and Paula Roy - July 24, 2022 at 02:11 PM

AL

“ You will always be in the hearts and minds of the Greenfield Global family Rex.
We are certain that the corn will always be plentiful as you look down upon it.

Angelo Ligori
Greenfield Global



Angelo Ligori - July 24, 2022 at 01:50 PM

JM

“ Another local stalwart has left us-but not without wonderful memories and considerable accomplishments. Thanks for all you did,Rex,and take a well deserved rest. Our sympathies to Ruth Ann,the girls,and families.
John &Diana

john mathany - July 24, 2022 at 01:36 PM

LD

“ So very sorry for your loss... Sendiny My Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to the Crawford Family and Friends... Rest Easy Rex 🕊️🙏🌟



Luanne Dubuque - July 24, 2022 at 01:14 PM

OR

“ Orr lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Orr - July 24, 2022 at 11:41 AM

CC

“ Ruth Anne & family, over the 50 years that I've known Rex through Jaycees & public life, he was always going to bat for the small person. He was a proud person & a close family man who will be missed by many. When he left Ottawa, he should have left some common sense there.

Curtis & Helen Carter

Curtis Carter - July 24, 2022 at 10:38 AM

HH

“ Ruth Anne, Jane, Judith, Sandra and family's please accept our condolences on Rex's passing. The Crawford's where great neighbour's growing up next door. Rex could tell the best stories. He was the type of guy that treated everyone the same no matter who you where.



Harvey, Susan, Paige and Ryan

Harvey and Susan Handsor - July 24, 2022 at 09:59 AM

RC

“ *Rob Clarke lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Rob Clarke - July 24, 2022 at 09:34 AM

RB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Rex Crawford. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Thank you Rex, may you rest in peace.*



Roger and Judith Braet - July 23, 2022 at 10:44 PM

JK

“ *Most sincere sympathy to all of the Crawford families in your loss.*



Jan and Denise Kellett - July 23, 2022 at 09:48 PM

GR

“ *Gord And Joyce Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Gord and Joyce Ritchie - July 23, 2022 at 07:41 PM

JO

“ My condolences to Ruth Anne and Rex's family. I've had the pleasure of knowing Rex since our high school days at St Andrew's College in Aurora ON. It meant a lot to me that he considered me to be his friend. He said he "tolerated me". He asked me to be his Best Man at his and Ruth Anne's wedding. I knew Rex to be a solid person. He was a strong leader. He recently told me that he was motivated to lead by a teacher at SAC who stood him up in front of class and said, "Crawford, you are a born leader but you're too stupid to realize it." Rex was certainly no dummy. But he proved Mr. Tudball right on the other point by becoming that leader. In so many different ways Rex led and served his community throughout his entire life. Rest well my friend. Omstead (Jake)

Jake Omstead - July 23, 2022 at 07:08 PM

BD

“ Brenda And Mark Day lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Brenda and Mark Day - July 23, 2022 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ I only had the honour of meeting Mr. Crawford once but I could see the twinkle in his eyes and the very kind face. From looking at the Life Tributes pictures and reading his obituary I can tell that he was truly a loving family man as well as a selfless volunteer and leader. I would like to give the Crawford family and to you Judee my deepest condolences.

Dave Henderson - July 23, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ Although I did not know Rex personally, all that was said of him as a man of integrity, respect, service rang true in all his endeavours. The world needs many more such leaders. My prayers are with his family who shared him with this community for a lifetime. God’s peace. Marg Moriyama

Marg Moriyama - July 23, 2022 at 03:24 PM

PW

“ My condolences to Ruth Anne and all of the family. My fondest memory is that following my election to Chatham City Council in 1988 there was one week left until the Federal Election. I now had time to assist with Rex's campaign and it was a busy week it was leading up to Rex's first federal election victory! Rex, you will be missed.
Paul Watson, with condolences from my wife Colleen as well

Paul Watson - July 23, 2022 at 02:11 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Ruth Anne and family. Rex will be missed but never forgotten he was such an amazing man. sending you all hugs at this time



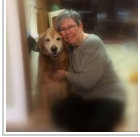
Carla Brown - July 23, 2022 at 12:15 PM

GH

“ Garbutt Hyde lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Garbutt Hyde - July 23, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beth O'Flynn lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Beth O'Flynn - July 23, 2022 at 10:31 AM

TH

“ *An exemplary man who contributed so much to his country and community. My late husband, Gordon, was a great admirer of Rex and enjoyed many conversations with him over the years. My heartfelt condolences to his family and many friends. Respectfully, Tanya Hardy*

Tanya Hardy - July 23, 2022 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ *Dear Ruth Anne, one of the greatest gifts I received is my visit with yourself and Rex recently. I trust you shared the goodies I brought. It was so evident Rex loved your new home, the sunporch, your wonderful gardening and things. Over the last 40 years I learned more from Rex than he ever learned from me. Last Saturdays memories will remain with me forever. With every respect...john Cryderman*

John K. Cryderman - July 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

DC

“ *Dianne (Cousins) & Fred Chapple lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Dianne (Cousins) & Fred Chapple - July 23, 2022 at 09:16 AM

TS

“ *Ruthann and family; thank-you for all the years that Rex gave the community as I know although they try it is hard to keep the office and family life going at the same time but he seemed to do it well. Our community has lost one of the greats for sure, we will all miss that deep voice and that ability to reason Peace be with you all at this time.* ”



Tracy Shaw - July 23, 2022 at 08:12 AM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford* ”



Julie Nemeth - July 23, 2022 at 07:26 AM

MD

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family* ”

Molly Devolder - July 23, 2022 at 07:10 AM

ET

“ *Etienne Tack lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford* ”



Etienne Tack - July 23, 2022 at 12:08 AM

KT

“ *Ken And Joanne (Dunlop) Tarita lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



ken and Joanne (Dunlop) Tarita - July 22, 2022 at 11:07 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beresford lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Judy Beresford - July 22, 2022 at 10:39 PM

JW

“ *An honourable man. It has been a privilege to know him. With respect and sympathy- jane and brian wright*

jane wright - July 22, 2022 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ *Ruth Anne and family*

Thank you for sharing your husband and father with all of us!

I had had previously heard many good stories about Rex Crawford and the great things he had completed on behalf of Kent County!

Meeting Rex was a special time for me, because of that.

The stories were true. Rex was a man of great integrity, a wealth of knowledge, listened to others, had a great gift of compassion, always knew what was needed for his community, and Kent County.

His speeches were always from the heart!

Rex will be missed by every person, that was lucky enough to have crossed his path.

Judith Bellamy

Judith Anne Bellamy - July 22, 2022 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ *Jerry And Betty Meyskens lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Jerry and Betty Meyskens - July 22, 2022 at 09:27 PM

VL

“ *Viola Landon sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Crawford*



Viola Landon - July 22, 2022 at 09:01 PM

KB

“ *Kathleen D Burke lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Kathleen D Burke - July 22, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DK

“ *I have many fond memories of Rex my mentor and friend. Once when visiting Ottawa I took him into conservative lobby and we ran into PM Harper. “ Rex Crawford. How the h... are ya “and then invited him to his annual garden party that night. Needless to say he was the only one outside of the conservative caucus there that evening. Rest In Peace Rex. Our most sincere condolences Dave and FayeVan Kesteren*

dave van kesteren - July 22, 2022 at 07:40 PM

LC

“ *Our sincere condolences Jane to you and Matt and your family. In reading the obituary it sounds like you have a lifetime of great memories.*

Laurel and Brian Cammaart

Laurel Cammaart - July 22, 2022 at 06:33 PM

RT

“ Ruth Ann and family , so sorry for your loss of Rex , he was always a true gentleman and will be missed by many. He always had time to say hello & he always knew your name! Thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Rick & Mira Tetrault - July 22, 2022 at 05:35 PM

HAYCOCK
CAVANAGH
FUNERAL HOME

“ 105 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 22, 2022 at 03:14 PM

BP

All of us Rossini's will be enjoying spaghetti with mushrooms to honour this great man.

Berta Prelaz - July 23, 2022 at 06:13 PM

DL

“ One of the last truly great politicians!



Dr. Ken Bell and Mary Lou. - July 22, 2022 at 02:50 PM

AF

“ *My condolences on the passing of Rex. He was one of a kind and will be missed by all who had the honour of knowing him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of healing.*



Amy Finn - July 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JC

“ *JOHN CLARK lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



JOHN CLARK - July 22, 2022 at 02:13 PM

KB

“ *A wonderful man dedicated to his community and always approachable. It was a pleasure to be able to work with him on the St. Clair Foundation as well as in other venues. Ken Brooks*

Ken Brooks - July 22, 2022 at 02:03 PM

DL

“ *Don & Kris Lee lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Don & Kris Lee - July 22, 2022 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ All the wonderful memories that express Rex and how he lived his life will be remembered by many and his devotion to family and community. Hugs to you RuthAnn and children



Theresa Freeburn - July 22, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DM

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences on such a great loss. Rex was one of a kind and I will remember him fondly.



Dawne Mudford - July 22, 2022 at 11:56 AM

DP

“ Rex was an icon of community and truth. Ever supportive and faithful to all who knew him. Our condolences to all the Crawford family. We were privileged to know this honourable man.

Diane Parks - July 22, 2022 at 11:48 AM

AM

“ Ariel Mann lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Ariel Mann - July 22, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MF

“ *Our sincere condolences for your great loss. Thinking of you all. Richard, Hazel, Cat and Chris Myers*



Myers Family - July 22, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SZ

“ *Steve Zavitz lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Steve Zavitz - July 22, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ *Our sincerest condolences to his family. He was a pillar of strength and a great contributor of knowledge to the Dover Rod and Gun Club.*

Jerome Blair - July 22, 2022 at 10:34 AM

VM

“ *The loss of Rex is so unending. A pillar in helping others! My thoughts are with you Ruth Anne! Vince Massey*

Vince Massey - July 22, 2022 at 10:07 AM

RD

“ RIPRex you were a force to be reckoned with, a gentleman and a scholar. Missed parading with you on Remembrance Day in Dresden. Gteat family memories. Dave and Rhonda



Rhonda Deacon - July 22, 2022 at 09:53 AM

JW

“ Sincerest condolences from Michelle and I to the entire Crawford family. Rex was definitely one of a kind and we will miss the positive impact he had on Wallaceburg and Chatham-Kent. Rex served in many elected positions from the Reeve of Dover Township to our Member of Parliament. Through all those years there were two things that remained constant -Rex always listened to what local voters wanted and he was steadfast in his support for Wallaceburg and Chatham-Kent. Personally, Rex was also a major supporter of Sydenham District Hospital Hospital and we thank him for that. Rex will be missed.

Jeff and Michelle Wesley

Jeff Wesley - July 22, 2022 at 09:38 AM

UN

“ My sincere condolences to Ruth Anne and all of Rex's family.

Uta Nowakowski



Uta Nowakowski - July 22, 2022 at 09:35 AM

GB

“ Gary & Janice Broidioi lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Gary & Janice Broidioi - July 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM

JS

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family.

John & Holly Smyth - July 22, 2022 at 09:07 AM

 Janice Conway

“ My sincere condolences Ruth Anne and the entire family. I truly respected Rex for everything that he did and he was such a kind soul. May he rest in peace.



Janice Conway - July 22, 2022 at 09:04 AM

RY

“ Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - July 22, 2022 at 08:55 AM

DB

“ *Debby Bishop lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Debby Bishop - July 22, 2022 at 08:35 AM

RB

“ *Ralph And Linda Belanger lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Ralph and Linda Belanger - July 22, 2022 at 08:21 AM

LB

“ *Our condolences to Ruth Anne, Jane, Sandra, Judith, family and friends. Rex has been a family friend for as long as I can remember. He was a great Wallaceburg supporter and will be missed by all who knew him. Rex will now join Gord Childs and all the others who have passed away before them at the round table in heaven. I'm sure the discussions and debates to solve the worlds problems will continue. RIP Rex*

Lance Babcock - July 22, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DM

*Dr Michael & Isabel McElligott
Rex you were , kind , wise , loving, & grateful . We will all miss you at the round table
Condolences to RuthAnn & family. May you RIP. Amen*

Dr Michael & Isabel McElligott - July 22, 2022 at 08:11 PM

JS

“ *John And Linda Seys lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



John and Linda Seys - July 22, 2022 at 08:12 AM

BF

“ *Bill And Marie Fish lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Bill and Marie Fish - July 22, 2022 at 08:05 AM

WB

“ *Such a great lost. Our sympathy to your family*

Winsor & Doreen Broadbent - July 22, 2022 at 07:56 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy Jurasek lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Kathy Jurasek - July 22, 2022 at 07:45 AM

BD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Ruth Anne and family.*



Bob and Jan Dekoning - July 22, 2022 at 07:44 AM

CP

“ *Rex did so much for so many, he will surely be missed.*

Claude Poirier - July 22, 2022 at 07:02 AM

PS

“ *Peter Seys lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Peter Seys - July 22, 2022 at 06:41 AM

BC

“ *My most sincere sympathy to you Ruth Anne and your family on the passing of Rex. Certainly his was a life well lived.*
Bernice Chartrand

Bernice Chartrand - July 22, 2022 at 06:32 AM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Norma Authier - July 22, 2022 at 06:15 AM

CM

“ *My sincere condolences Sandra, Ruth Anne and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time.*

Christine MacFarlane - July 22, 2022 at 06:00 AM

JC

“ *Jeannie Carroll lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Jeannie Carroll - July 22, 2022 at 05:57 AM

JE

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Crawford family.*
Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean&Dave Elliott - July 22, 2022 at 05:11 AM

RY

“ *Ron Yonkheym*



Ron & susanna Yonkheym - July 22, 2022 at 04:56 AM



“ *Kim MacDonald sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Crawford*



Kim MacDonald - July 22, 2022 at 03:24 AM

JT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - July 22, 2022 at 12:39 AM

BJ

“ Every coffee shop has a group of regulars who discuss the world's problems and offer their take on the best way to solve it. Rex actually did something about those problems and concerns. His involvement in all levels of government showed his resolve to improve things for everyone. He didn't mind being the squeaky wheel if it was for the good of everyone. Rex will be missed and I think it will be quite some time, if we ever, we see another like him.

Barry Jinkerson - July 21, 2022 at 11:13 PM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to the family . My father Clayt Carey spoke often and highly of Rex as we were growing up . Alot of respect.
He truly gave his all to our community through out his years . This is a legacy for his family to be proud of .

Jim and Karen Carey - July 21, 2022 at 10:37 PM

LP

“ Lola Pamer lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Lola Pamer - July 21, 2022 at 09:42 PM

GM

“ A FINE GENTLEMAN- MY CONDOLANCES TO RUTHANNE AND FAMILY

Garda Markham - July 21, 2022 at 09:31 PM

CB

“Wow! Rex was a man who accomplished a lot in his lifetime! I knew he was a special individual but I never realized how special he was. Amazing. And what a great legacy: a wife of many years and three accomplished daughters. Plus wonderful grandchildren. Judee, it's no wonder you had so much energy and dedication to your teaching profession. I hope the great memories of a life well-lived will carry you all through this sad time. CB

connie badour - July 21, 2022 at 09:22 PM

JH

“John Hogan & Lynne Hogan lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



John Hogan & lynne hogan - July 21, 2022 at 09:05 PM

GB

“What an amazing man! Everyone's life tribute should be this rich with human connections. So many memories for all his family to relive for many years. Our sympathies to Ruth Anne and the entire family. Grant and Debi Browning

Grant Browning - July 21, 2022 at 09:03 PM

JW

“Ruth Anne and family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending our sincerest condolences at this time and hope you find comfort from loved ones that surround you. Rex certainly left his mark and will be truly missed.

Jeff & Susan Williams - July 21, 2022 at 08:58 PM

SR

“ I had many ice cream bars and sleepovers at Rex’s house with Courtney and little grandma. He was always fascinating to listen to. My deepest condolences to the entire family. Big hugs. May all of your wonderful memories guide you through this difficult transition. Xoxo

Stéphanie (Griffore) Robson & family

Stéphanie Robson - July 21, 2022 at 08:53 PM

VC

“ Our sincere condolences and sympathy to Ruth Anne and the Crawford family. God bless Rex.

Wayne and Verna Christian



Verna Christian - July 21, 2022 at 08:51 PM

MD

“ Mark & Nancy Dewolf lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Mark & Nancy Dewolf - July 21, 2022 at 08:39 PM

KH

“ you are going to be missed buddy even a little of your stubbornness a GREAT MAN AND FRIEND



Ken and Joan Hamilton - July 21, 2022 at 08:15 PM

TM

“ A well travelled and well educated man. An excellent Member of Parliament who always put his beloved County of Kent first. I always enjoyed having a chat with Rex either at my office or my occasional visits to the round table. They say that the measure of a person is the people they leave behind. You only need to meet Rex's daughters, and their children to see what an incredible legacy and example Rex and Ruth Anne have left. Shelley and I extend our deepest sympathy to all. Rex you were a titan among men. Tim Mathany

Tim Mathany - July 21, 2022 at 08:13 PM

RT

“ Sincere condolences to Ruth Anne, Jane, Sandra, Judith and families. Indeed, a life well lived. An amazing family and legacy he leaves behind. ❤️



Ron and Suzy Trepanier - July 21, 2022 at 08:08 PM

CH

“ Carol-Ann Howe sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Crawford



Carol-Ann Howe - July 21, 2022 at 07:49 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rex's passing. he was a lovely man. he visited us in the Fire Dept often and always had time for a chat. I would always make a coffee for him. my condolences to Rex's family. Rex was one of a kind!

Janet Berry - July 21, 2022 at 07:47 PM

CB

“ Condolences to the family. A wonderful man who will be missed especially at WAMBO.

Charles and Donna Jean Bechard



Charles and Donna Jean Bechard - July 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM

WN

“ Our condolences to the family.



Wayne & Nancy Negrave - July 21, 2022 at 07:37 PM

DF

“ Dan & Karen Marshall & Family lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Dan & Karen Marshall & Family - July 21, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MG

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.*

Marion Garrod, Don & Denise Graham - July 21, 2022 at 07:16 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stanley lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford*



Susan Stanley - July 21, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *We'd like to give our sympathy to the family! He was a great man! From Ruby Parker & Debbie & rest of the family. Hugs! To all*



Debbie Parker - July 21, 2022 at 07:14 PM

GP

“ *Joined the Jaycees in 1960. Rex came to Chatham to almost every meeting. Great man, will be missed by many.*

Gerry Primeau - July 21, 2022 at 07:10 PM

ST

“ *Judy, Brian and Brynelle*
So sorry to read of your dad and grandpa
passing away. My Dad spoke so highly of Rex
on Chatham Kent Council. Sending sincere
sympathy.
Sally Thompson and Family



Sally Thompson - July 21, 2022 at 07:07 PM

MM

“ *Everyone in the area knew and liked and*
respected Rex Crawford.
He always had stories to tell and we would
reminisce at Country Style over coffee.
Sadly , Covid stopped that and then Rex's ill
health did not help either.
Would see Rex at Shoppers getting his morning paper and we
would touch base and say hello once again like ole times.
It was nice.

Our sincere condolences to Ruth Anne and his entire family.
He will truly be missed.

Sincerely Edie & Mike McNaughton



Mike McNaughton - July 21, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MG

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.*

Marion Garrod, Don & Denise Graham - July 21, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MC

“ No words can adequately express what an amazing man Rex was. Hard pressed to think of anyone more respected, more recognizable and a stronger advocate for the people of Chatham-Kent. Definitely a life well lived. Rest in peace Rex. Most sincere sympathy to Ruth Anne and family.



Mari Cole - July 21, 2022 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ Malcolm, Dana, Connor, Morgan And Cooper lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Malcolm, Dana, Connor, Morgan and Cooper - July 21, 2022 at 05:04 PM

WB

“ Our sincere sympathy to Ruth Anne and family from old buddies Wayne Bushey and Frank Hicky we had some good times over the years. Rest in peace old friend.

Wayne R. Bushey - July 21, 2022 at 04:44 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rex. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Sherry & Dave Crowe - July 21, 2022 at 04:41 PM

RB

“ Randy & Robin Benedict lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Randy & Robin Benedict - July 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Gerry Flynn - July 21, 2022 at 04:33 PM

AH

“ We have lost a fine person, a unique person and he will be missed. May God bless him and his family at this time. Gayle and Austin Hockin

AUSTIN HOCKIN AND GAYLE HOCKIN - July 21, 2022 at 04:32 PM

LJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to Ruth Anne and family. As Rex said, it was a life well lived.

Lyle and Eileen (Lewis) Jardine - July 21, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JM

“ I have many fond memories of visiting Rex & Ruth Anne in Chatham, and also the occasional party in Ottawa on The Hill. Rex was always a gracious & generous host - he will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Ruth Anne & the Crawford family.
Jonathan McGill.

Jonathan McGill - July 21, 2022 at 03:44 PM

KE

“ Very sorry to hear about rex. There was a life well lived. I will always remember him coming to Canadian tire in wallaceburg with a battery and a stack of LifeTime battery warranties for all his classic cars. After I fixed him up with new battery at no charge he would say Kevin dont you ever retire because you are the only one that knows anything about my batteries. Kevin McKay.



KevinMckay - July 21, 2022 at 03:40 PM

EJ

“ We worked with Rex saving our hospital. We just saw him in May at the Black Goose and that will always be a great memory. Our condolences to his family.

Eric & Sandra Johnston - July 21, 2022 at 03:36 PM

EJ

“ Eric & Sandra Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Crawford



Eric & Sandra Johnston - July 21, 2022 at 03:34 PM

KW

“ Ken And Janet Wade lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Ken and Janet wade - July 21, 2022 at 03:29 PM

ST

“ I never knew him personally but had great respect for him as a politician and promoter of Chatham Kent. May peace and comfort embrace his family and friends in their time of grief.

Sandi Turner - July 21, 2022 at 03:26 PM

GE

“ Ruth Anne & Family:

During this time of grief, may the comfort and love of family and friends surround you and help you through.

*With our deepest condolences,
Gary & Dina Edwards*

Gary & Dina Edwards - July 21, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JG

“ Thinking of you and your family as you celebrate the life of your beloved. Our hearts are heavy for you all. We remember with happiness our trips to see Rex and Ruth Anne (and Dexter) on Halloween with the kids trick or treating. Memories we will treasure.
Craig, Jolene, Kale and Reed Griffore

Jolene Griffore - July 21, 2022 at 03:06 PM

JP

“ Joe and I are so sorry to hear the passing of your husband and dad. Joe enjoyed many a conversation with Rex thru the years. Hoping you find comfort knowing so many are thinking of you at this time.



Joe and Janice Punnewaert - July 21, 2022 at 03:02 PM

PM

“ My condolences to all of the family at this difficult time.

Phyllis McGowan - July 21, 2022 at 02:22 PM

PM

“ Phyllis McGowan lit a candle in memory of Rex Crawford



Phyllis McGowan - July 21, 2022 at 02:22 PM

LD

I first met Rex when he was a member of parliament. He was a wonderful caring man. He always took time to listen and give advice. I also knew him through County Council. He will be missed by everyone who's lives he touched whether through politics or family and friends.
Rest In Peace Rex.

Linda Daly(McRitchie)

Linda Daly - July 23, 2022 at 06:40 PM

PT

Ruth Ann and Family,

I first met Rex when we both were on the Kent County Tourist Association and we all worked the plowing match, good guy to work with. Then a few years later we house boated at Mitchell's bay and I would run into Rex and his buddies at the "red Store"we always called it. Then it was Texas and renewing a friendship with Ken and Velma and the stories I would hear from Velma and then we got to visit with you guys before Velma got sick. Rex was a great man for all of us in all of his politics. You have so many great memories to rejoice in and do treasure all of them. Sincere sympathy to all. Sorry I couldn't do any visitation, not so good since hip replacement or I would have been there.

Pat Tiffin, Thamesville

Patricia Tiffin - July 25, 2022 at 09:24 PM

DS

*wonderful man and dear friend and he will be missed
rest in peace rex signed DeEtta salisbury*

DeEtta Salisbury - July 27, 2022 at 11:04 PM