



Robert 'Bob' Clement

December 29, 2023

Robert (Bob) Young Clement passed away peacefully on December 29, 2023 at the Wallaceburg Retirement Residence. He was born January of 1945 to Olive and George Clement. He leaves behind his wife Laurretta (Sands) Clement, his brother Gregory (Susan), sister Patricia (Peter), Reta's children Marla, Summer and Kendall. He was loved by and will be missed by many nieces and nephews and 4 step-grandchildren.

Bob faced many challenges in his life but in the end he made a good life for himself and rarely complained.

He was an excellent student academically but in grade thirteen he became ill with a near fatal infection around his heart muscle. In spite of not being able to write his grade thirteen exams he was accepted by the University of Western Ontario and later accepted into Medical School there. However, in the second year of Medical School he developed Schizophrenia and needed hospitalization. In spite of this, he was able to finish university with a teaching degree and ultimately opted for a better suiting job, working for the Ontario Department of Transportation. With years of treatment and lifelong medication, he was able to work productively and retired after a complete and rewarding career.

Bob was also a good athlete. As a young man and into his middle age he

enjoyed playing tennis, winter badminton and occasional golf. He had a close group of friends - his tennis and badminton buddies, his bridge group, his Tim Horton's coffee group, people in the Rotary and his very good friend Ken Dickson without whom he would have never been able to stay at home for so long. He seemed to pick up new friends in each stage of his life.

Bob was also a strong family man. He was a loving son and cared for his mother as she got into her later years, first in their shared home and later as she entered the Sydenham Residence. He always made sure to have weekly telephone contact with his brother and sister and daily FaceTime with his brother for the past few years. His nieces and nephews especially remember the trips he took them on, the many boat and car rides along the river, the summer family vacations and all the holiday get-togethers.

He was blessed to meet and marry Reta in his later years and together they had a busy and full life. Reta was a good companion and she offered him a whole new set of experiences through her many contributions to the Native Language Community. Thanks to Reta he was able to play the Grandfather role to Wiishkpimin and Zhaazhaawan. He enjoyed their antics and their company. Reta and Rob celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2022 with a close group of friends and family.

Because of ongoing health issues he moved to the Wallaceburg Retirement Residence in 2023. Although he was in constant pain and his mobility was limited he enjoyed the Residence - the food, the care he got, the activities and entertainment such as the bible study, exercise class and special musical groups. He especially enjoyed his almost daily visits with Reta either at the residence or back at the house on Dundas Street where he was raised and spent most of his 78 years. Rob will be missed.

Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral

Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231), on Wednesday January 3, 2024 from noon until the time of his funeral at 1 pm. Interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery. Following the interment, everyone is invited to the Cavanagh Reception Centre, 416 Nelson Street, for a time of fellowship and refreshment. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca. If you wish to make a donation in Rob's memory, please consider the Walpole Island Women's Shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 03, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Happy Birthday Rob, love Patty

Patty Clement - January 31, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Patty Clement lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Patty Clement - January 31, 2024 at 01:55 PM

RU

“ Ruth lit a candle in memory of Bob Clements. I knew Bob because my late uncle Bob introduced me to Bob Clements many years ago. My sincere sympathy to Bob Clement's wife Rita and family.



Ruth - January 12, 2024 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss!



Dianne Cousins Chapple - January 08, 2024 at 09:10 PM

PW

“ Pete Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Pete Williams - January 05, 2024 at 07:41 PM

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“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 03, 2024 at 01:48 PM

CM

“ Cory Moisan lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Cory Moisan - January 03, 2024 at 11:20 AM

EL

“ 1 file added to the album Family Times



Eliza - January 03, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CM

*Aww..just seeing this so sorry for your loss,Robert was our neighbour for years,such a kind man..he always gave me tennis balls to play tennis .I'm so sorry I missed visitation and funeral..my deepest condolences to the whole family.
Cynthia Moran (McCarter)*

Cynthia-Larry Moran - January 03, 2024 at 11:43 AM

EJ

“ Eliza Jaach lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Eliza & Jaach - January 03, 2024 at 10:42 AM

SW

“ Shannon White lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Shannon White - January 02, 2024 at 10:16 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Family Times



Patty Clement - January 02, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ John Mathany lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



John Mathany - January 02, 2024 at 05:20 PM

RF

“ *randy from progressive ford lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement*



randy allemeersch from progressive ford - January 02, 2024 at 03:47 PM

AH

“ *My husband Bob loved a good game of tennis with Robert, “back in the day”. With Sincere Sympathy, Audrey Hamilton*

Audrey Hamilton - January 01, 2024 at 11:39 PM

BT

“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy to Bob's family & friends at this sad time.*



Betty Tack - January 01, 2024 at 06:55 PM

PC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patty Clement - January 01, 2024 at 06:02 PM

GH

“ so very sorry to read about the passing of robert., He was well known to our family and we were among those wo fought him on the tennis courts. May he rest in peace. gayle and austin hockin

gayle and austin hockin - December 31, 2023 at 06:47 PM

JO

“ To Reta and family
So sorry to hear Bob he was very nice man.
He sure will be missed we were happy to ve able to play at your anniversary. You are in our thoughts prayers and love. God Bless Cecil &Joyce Isaac

Joyce - December 31, 2023 at 04:07 PM

SS

“ To Patty and family: Very sorry to hear about Bob's passing.
Sue/Brian Skinner

Sue Skinner - December 31, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SC

“ 3 files added to the album Great memories



susan clement - December 31, 2023 at 02:31 PM

MS

“ *Mark ... Shaonaasee lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement*



Mark ... Shaonaasee - December 31, 2023 at 02:07 PM

HD

“ *Sorry to hear about Bob's passing. My condolences to Reta and the family.*

Heather Joan Dunlop - December 31, 2023 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ *Ariel Mann lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement*



Ariel Mann - December 31, 2023 at 10:31 AM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement*



Gerry Flynn - December 31, 2023 at 09:55 AM

MV

“ Mike Vandenberg lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Mike Vandenberg - December 31, 2023 at 08:58 AM

RS

“ Robert Soens lit a candle in memory of Robert 'Bob' Clement



Robert Soens - December 31, 2023 at 08:27 AM

HJ

“ Sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to my monthly visits with Bob and Olive at their home. Henry and I would have visits at St James Church dinners.

Henry & Barb Jaruga - December 31, 2023 at 07:01 AM

UN

“ So sad to hear about Bob's passing. My sincere condolences to all his family and many friends.



Uta Nowakowski - December 30, 2023 at 09:00 PM