



## William Roland Brownlee

October 28, 2025

With heavy hearts we announce that on October 28, 2025, William Roland Brownlee passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the age of 91. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 68 years, Mary Jane Brownlee (nee Markham) and will be missed dearly by his sons Richard (Margaret), Ronald, Robert (Cheryl), the late Randy (Joanne, surviving) as well as his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered as a dear brother of Allan (Marna), Brian (Helen) and the late Jack and Jean, and a dear brother-in-law to Jane's twin sister Joan Hill and the late Edwin (Carol surviving) Markham.

Many will remember Roland from his years of service with the Ontario Provincial Police in Chatham, Wallaceburg and Red Lake.

All are invited to come Celebrate his Life with Food, Family and Friendship at the Cavanagh Reception Centre (416 Nelson St, Wallaceburg) on Tuesday, November 4th from 11:30am until 1:30pm at which time everyone is welcome to travel to the Riverview Cemetery for the burial service at 2pm. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Cavanagh Reception Centre (Across from Funeral Home)  
416 Nelson St  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4G9 (CA)

## Graveside Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Cemetery  
625 Wallace Street, East  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 1K8 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Roland Brownlee

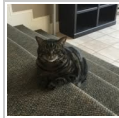


Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LM

*Enjoyed following the Brownlee's in pictures over the years*

Liz Morrison - November 04, 2025 at 06:28 PM



*Aunt Jane and the rest of Brownlee's. Sorry to hear of uncle Roland's passing. He will be greatly missed. Love Joyce, Brenda, Bill, John Brownlee*

Brenda Brownlee - December 25, 2025 at 05:32 PM

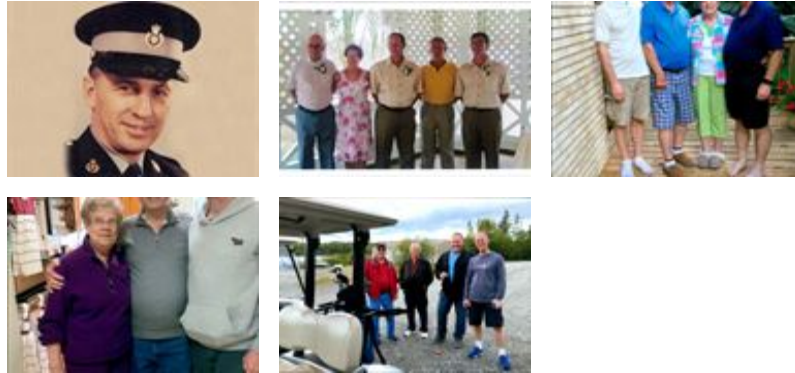
JB

“ Just a wonderful guy to work with, lots of wisdom and experience and fun. My deepest condolences to his lovely wife and family.

Jeff Brandenburg - March 25 at 06:05 AM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DH

*rest in peace Rolly. I remember hlm as a south side kid & at High School on the football team*

Doug Huctwith - November 05, 2025 at 04:52 PM

AH

“ *REST IN PEACE ROLLAND AND MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.*

AUSTIN HOCKIN - November 03, 2025 at 11:14 AM

KL

“ *My sympathy to you Jane and your family, also to Brian and Helen, Allan and Marna and families.*

Kay Lozon - November 02, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Condolences to all the family* 🙏🥰

Margaret Aarssen - November 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DD

“ Dear Rob and all the Brownlee Family,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family as you celebrate  
the life of your Dad. May your memories bring you comfort during  
this difficult time.

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**Diane Dunford** - November 01, 2025 at 05:30 PM

LM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Jane,Rick,Ron and Rob and families.Rolly  
will be missed at Wed.Euchre and our Euchre group.It won't be the  
same without him.So sorry for your loss. Tom and Liz

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**Liz Morrison** - November 01, 2025 at 03:07 PM

RL

“ sorry for your loss brownlee family



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**Rob Labadie** - October 31, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RH

“ I recall Rollie from his time in Chatham OPP. I  
worked out of Sombra OPP and we crossed  
paths many times. An outgoing person and  
real gentleman, it was a pleasure to be  
associated with him. My sincere condolences  
to the entire family- Ron Hyttenrauch



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**Ron Hyttenrauch** - October 31, 2025 at 10:07 AM

TF

“ So sad to read of Roland’s passing ,he was such a kind and thoughtful police officer



Theresa Freeburn - October 31, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Brian, Helen and Family. Jack remembers going over to Four Lakes with Roland and Brian.



Denise Devos - October 31, 2025 at 08:16 AM

CH

“ Deepest condolences to Jane, Ron and family, so sorry for your loss.  
Wes and Carla Hourie

Carla Hourie - October 30, 2025 at 07:52 PM

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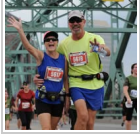
“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family Jane 🕊️  
Carol & Paul Sundstrom  
Balmertown

carol Sundstrom - October 30, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DA

“ Brian, Helen our sincere condolences to you and all the family.

Dennis and Annmarie Alexander - October 30, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ I remember Rolly from Red Lake when I went there in 1988....he had retired an went to work at Balmertown gold mine along with another OPP big Chuck..I rescued his son an girlfriend one day when their canoe tipped over on Chikuni river where it flowed into Red Lake by pineridge rd....took them home safe in opp vessel.....Rolly had a beautiful house beside the hwy an next to lake...My condolences to his wife an all the sons an familys....Harry van Hees

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**ChrisandHarrie Van Hees** - October 30, 2025 at 12:44 PM

UN

“ So sorry for your loss, Jane.  
My sincere condolences to you and all your family.



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**Uta Nowakowski** - October 30, 2025 at 12:38 PM

MJ

“ Condolences to all family and friends. The Brownlee family were good people.

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**Marlene Coveny Judson** - October 30, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TP

“ So very sorry for your loss, love and prayers

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**Teenie Pettinher** - October 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of William Roland Brownlee



George McGaffey - October 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM

SP

“ I have many fond memories of working with Roland at the OPP Wallaceburg Detachment. He was such a kind, thoughtful person, both on and off the job. He will be greatly missed. RIP, Rollie.

Sharon Punnewaert - October 30, 2025 at 08:48 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss Jane and families

Cathy Bernard Bowers - October 30, 2025 at 08:45 AM

ML

“ Mel Lauwereys sent a virtual gift in memory of William Roland Brownlee



Mel Lauwereys - October 30, 2025 at 06:52 AM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. Enjoyed many golf games with Roland.

Keith and Helen Ryan - October 29, 2025 at 09:19 PM

HJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Jane and all your family on the passing of Roland.



Herb & Brenda de Jong - October 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM

SA

“ Jane, Rick, Ron and Rob and families.  
I'm sorry for your loss.  
It doesn't seem si long ago that Roland was at mom and dad's house cleaning fish after a good day on the boat!

Shelley Aarssen - October 29, 2025 at 08:10 PM

GB

“ We were very sorry to hear about Roland and will surely miss him at Wednesday afternoon Euchre; it was always fun playing with or against him. Sincere sympathy to Jane and family.



George & Bev - October 29, 2025 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ Brian, Helen and family. Joe and I are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May your memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.



Joe and Janice Punnewaert - October 29, 2025 at 04:15 PM

GM

*JANE AND FAMILY MY CONDOLANCES*

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**GARDA MARKHAM** - October 30, 2025 at 09:29 AM

MM

*Brian, Helen and family.*

*I was on the job when Rolly was on the job.*

*Rolland was known as Rolly to all of us.*

*He sent me some data and information on the ident course from the college. I still think I have that material.*

*Rolly was great caring guy and a good police officer.*

*Although I have not seen Rolly in yrs I will, never forget him.*

*My sincere condolences*

*Mike McNaughton*

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**Mikem McNaughton** - October 30, 2025 at 03:25 PM

RL

*I remember Roland in his OPP days in Chatham-Kent. Our condolences to the family, especially to son Ric, and brother Brian. Rick and Eva Lizotte*

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**Rick & Eva Lizotte** - October 31, 2025 at 03:44 AM

DS

*Condolences to the Brownlee family Doug and Alla Steen*

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**Doug Steen** - October 31, 2025 at 10:09 AM