



*Bud Lehman's photo provided by Debi Lehman.*

## Goodbye Bud

In the evening of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Robert "Bud" Lehman passed away, after a short period of recurring strokes.

It is a fact of life that people will die, even people who are your close neighbors. It is nonetheless still shocking and painful when a man like Bud passes after a life lived large. Bud was a big man, a strong man and a solid man, whose heart of gold was not at all concealed by his outward gruffness.

Bud came from a farming background that began with working with his father in and around Stouffville Ontario where they raised cabbages and cauliflower. He once told me that he was a cabbage 'rancher' and helped raise fifty-thousand head of cabbage each year during his youth and subsequent adulthood. The hard work, plus playing hockey gave Bud a powerful physique, reminding you of a human version of a mature Oak tree in strength and physical power. Inside that 'oak' tree was a soul of fine polished wood and an 'aw shucks' attitude to being a kind and generous person.

Bud's association with this area arose out of his and Nancy's ownership and operation of the Camp ground and resort now run by the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan on Shady Lane. Bud's Sunday take-out chicken dinners were served at many tables on the North shore of Jack Lake during the Seventies and Eighties. They are still remembered for their goodness and convenience.

One of Bud's close friends was Big John, a John Deere tractor that he used with sheer joy whenever he had the chance. How many times did he launch someone's boat, remove a fallen tree or a house trailer or any kind of stubborn object that soon succumbed to the power of Big John whose green presence and Bud showed up whenever a tough job called?

Like other mighty Oak trees, he withstood the gales, tornadoes, and the trials of life. Likewise, it is not the heavy weather that brings down the mighty Oak. Ailments, working like termites bored into his being over the last two years, limiting his abilities, requiring assistance to do the simple things in life, and attracting help from the same people he had helped when he was strong and vital. His wife, Nancy, was ever the strong and supporting partner. His sons and daughter, his brothers, and to the same extent his friends, cannot imagine a world where Bud is no more.

For many years, Bud was famous for his affection for "a cold one". Or two. Nobody enjoyed or appreciated a cool 'barley sandwich' in the way Bud did. That was how he savored everything in life: A good dinner, a good conversation, a good joke and above all his sweetie, Nancy.

On your way, old friend, the road will rise up to meet you; the sun will be at your back, and we shall remember and miss your presence in our lives.

*Barrie, Helen and your friends along the road.*

## Thank You

*for the Celebration of Life for Bud Lehman*

The Family of Robert (Bud) Lehman would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all the family and friends that came to Celebrate Bud's life. As well, we would like to thank all the people that sent cards, flowers and condolences. A special thank you to the North Kawartha Community Centre for the use of the hall, Darlene Doxie for organizing lunch and the Apsley Legion for their help on such short notice. It was truly a wonderful Celebration of a life well lived and lasting memories that will continue to be shared by all.

With Sincere Thanks,

*Nancy Lehman and Family*

**THE NORTH KAWARTHA FOOD BANK'S**

**Lucky Loonie Night**

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

NK Community Centre

Featuring Hot Chicken & Beef Dinner

**Silent Auction @ 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 & Loonie Auction @ 7:00pm**

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