

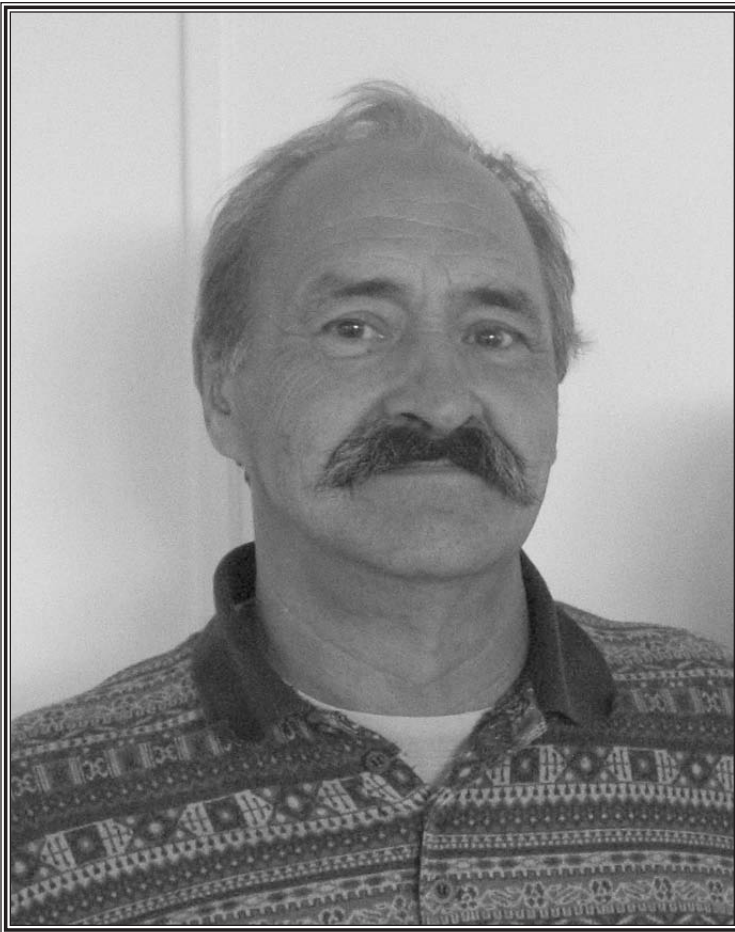


In Memory of

Bryan Sisson

Minden, ON
January 19th 2011

West Guilford, ON
August 11th 1949



SISSON Bryan.. Passed away suddenly at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 with his family by his side. At the age of 61.

Loving husband of Susan (nee Sedgwick). Cherished father of Megan Sisson and her husband Richard Perry, and Ryan Sisson. Dear brother of Nadene (Jeff Campbell), Paul (Margo), Stephen (Alayne), Lornel (Tim Casey), Juanita, Chris (Karen), Angela (John Balle), Jennifer (Petar Daich). Fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends will be invited to visit the family for a Celebration of Bryan's Life at the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 7:00 pm until 1:00 am. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Point in Time or to the West Guilford Community Centre would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ont-

tario KOM 2K0.

The Halliburton area native son.....an avid outdoorsman.. who loved to fish..hunt...and its tranquility.....succumbed to a massive stroke ... claimed the life ...of the retired Arena Manager...

Bryan by his very own admission... got his first taste of ice reconditioning while playing elementary school hockey on an outdoor rink with future NHLer Ron Stackhouse.. while attending Public School in his home town. His former school has since been renovated into what is now the West Guilford

Community Centre. Bryan's celebration of life will take place in the Centre, March 5th 2011. Stackhouse went on to play with the OHL Peterborough Petes and with NHL teams in Oakland, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

Bryan was quick to master the art of flooding outdoor rinks. Moving from the outdoor facilities.. he felt so fortunate to be awarded the Assistant Manager's position in 1970, at the Halliburton Arena. The facility became the home of the famous Halliburton Hockey Haven in 1964..a brain child of hockey gurus' Jim Gregory and Wren Blair.

Bryan in the meantime was also keeping close tabs on the Municipality of Minden.. that was putting the final touches on a new arena in 1972. Sisson was appointed Manager January 1973. He held the position for the next twenty three years. Bryan thoroughly enjoyed his work...the user groups....the public ... the Katimavik groups ..They were both his friends and family.

That same year Bryan married Halliburton born school teacher Susan Sedgwick, on October 6th in the United Church in Ingoldsby. They would have celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary in 2011. Susan was a member of the teaching profession for over 32 years. She carried out assignments in Scarborough and Dorset and spent a majority of her career in Minden. Susan gave birth to siblings Megan and Ryan, that were raised in Minden.

Bryan had barely settled into his new position, when he discovered the professional development opportunities offered by the OAA at the University of Guelph. He attended his first program in 1972...and returned every year thereafter for more than two decades... He also attended the Arena Management Program at Humber College in 1980, where he had the privilege of having Ebbie Bishop as his Professor. He really enjoyed this programme and gained valuable knowledge under Ebbie's leadership.



Bryan and Susan enjoyed their time together with the Alumni Family at the Gathering in Guelph on October 6, 2010. Bryan was so happy to reconnect with so many of his former friends from the Arena Alumni. He was looking forward to meeting up with Doug Peters in 2011... and meeting other members of their little arena group that they both helped start so many years ago.

Fred Horvath chipped in with the following ... *"I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Bryan. I came to know Bryan through the Guelph Annual Training Program. He always had something to say to me and I enjoyed seeing him each year. As a Past President and Zone Director, I always valued Bryan's opinion .He was a leader and someone who was well respected in the*

field. He would say b---s---t to that... but when you saw him...you wanted to come over and chat with him. He never held anything back. My condolences to you and your family. Bryan will be missed"The Alumni not only lost a committed supporter.. they also lost a wonderful individual.. a man of many values and a friend to so many...he will be missed.. BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!!

