

Updated Obituary

In Loving Memory of Orval George Wright

Orval George Wright, age 84, of Barrie, formally of Huntsville and Toronto, passed away suddenly on December 31st, 2022 at his home after a very brief illness.

Son of the late HH (Harold Herbert) and Audrey Wright. Orval is survived by his wife Bonnie and children Natasha (Patrick) of Bowen Island, BC, Justin (Chrystal) of Orillia and Joel (Nita) of Toronto. Proud grandpa to Eden, Hazel, Scarlett & Ashton. Predeceased by son Christopher and brother Wayne.

At the age of 17, Orval earned his private pilot license on floats, going on to achieve his wheel endorsement at Malton Airport (now Pearson Airport).

After working as a repo man, Orval went on to own and operate several successful businesses, hold numerous patents and participate in a world trade mission.

Orval completed his bucket list at a young age, with the exception of a flight on the Avro Arrow. Although the opportunity to board a flight escaped him, he had the thrill of completing a take off behind the Avro Arrow while flying out of Malton.

Orv appreciated good food, good company and jazz, always loved a good time. When he wasn't enjoying a dinner party or whipping up a bowl of guacamole, he loved flying his Cessna floatplane, fast boats, clean white cars, snowmobiling (always leading at the front of the pack), finding a bargain, discovering the perfect vacuum and acquiring a new pair of crocs. He was a master at preparing the best fruit salads and building the ultimate sound systems. He could design and build anything, a true MacGyver.

He built the cottage on Penn Lake from an award-winning Canadian design he saw at a World Fair in Europe. Adding in a state-of-the-art sound system and dance floor confirmed his creative skills. Orval's dream of making the cottage a year-round home came to fruition in 1984.

Orval and Bonnie had the pleasure of spending several winters in Naples, Florida and cherish the friendships and memories made during their time there.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the Emergency Responders, Jake from Barrie Police and Dr. John Eastmure for their support.

At Orval's request, cremation has already taken place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to your local Women's Shelter or World Vision are appreciated. appreciated.