



Darwin Hussey

January 3, 1929 - September 8, 2017

Peacefully, surrounded by family on Friday, September 8, 2017 at Bluewater Health, Sarnia, Darwin Heath Hussey passed away in his 89th year. Beloved husband to Rita Hussey (née Lunde) for 62 years. Loving father to Glenn (Mariann) Hussey, Gina (Rob) Bell and Mike (Andrea) Hussey. Proud grandpa and papa to Anna Hussey, Troy (Jen) Bell, Katie (Blake) Richmond, Emily Hussey and Connor Hussey and great grandpa to Kylie and Bryson Bell and Scarlett Richmond. Darwin will be dearly missed by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne (Jackie), Paul (Connie), Dale (Marion) and Robert (Ruth) and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Eric and Vera Hussey. Darwin's life is chock full of adventures and experiences only found in books and movies. Born in Petrolia, he spent his youngest years in India and Trinidad, returning to Petrolia where he grew up. He won the LCCVI track and field championship in 1943 and after he finished high school, he worked drilling oil in Trinidad, Alberta and Saskatchewan where he met Rita. Darwin retired from Imperial Oil as a pipe fitter after 23 years of service and decided to ride his bicycle across Canada at the age of 58. After that adventure, he returned to work at Ethyl for another 5 years. Darwin was the number 1 fan of Petrolia midget hockey, a dedicated patron of the Petrolia library and loved a good debate at Tim Hortons. He was immensely proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Visitors will be received by the family on Tuesday from 6-8pm at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia, where a funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 11:30am, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the Petrolia Minor Hockey Association or the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com

Cemetery

Hillsdale Cemetery

3725 Petrolia Line
Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0

Events

SEP 12 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Needham-Jay Funeral Home
4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON, CA, N0N 1R0

SEP 13 **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:15AM
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SEP 13 **Funeral Service** 11:30AM
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Comments



“ It is with a heavy heart, I shared the news of Darwin's passing with my mom, Cathryn Carol (nee "Clink") McQueen. Darwin and my mom were first cousins. My mom sent me on a mission today to Petrolia to find her cousin, Nancy Webster (grand-daughter of Thelma Ann (Neely) Tomlinson, and on my way through Plympton/Wyoming I ran into the annual Fall parade, which went through town to the fairgrounds.

I got out of my car and asked an elderly man what the parade was for, and he told me. Turns out he is/was Mayor Crawford. I told him some of my family were from Petrolia, and my grandmother Verna Pearl (Neely) Clink was born in Plympton/Wyoming. He asked me her name, which he didn't recognize. Then I told him my mom has a cousin named Hussey, and the Mayor, asked: "Darwin?" I said yes! Sadly he told me of Darwin's passing.

He mentioned Darwin had a ponytail. "That's him," I said. I always liked Darwin. He was always full of life. Darwin was also one of my mom's favorite cousins.

Our condolences to Rita, the children and Darwin's brothers, families and friends, one of our favorite Canadian cousins will be missed.

Jeff McQueen

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Jeffrey A McQueen - September 16, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Very sorry we were both out of town in different directions and missed visitation and funeral . I always admired his friendliness and smile to everyone and his biking for miles just astounded me . The pics on here so neat what a great life and legacy he has left the world with . May you turn into your hearts when missing him - I know he will be there encouraging you all to keep on keeping on . Hugs and blessings to you all . Randy Sherry and Michael Whiting and Rachel Whaley xox

sherry whiting - September 13, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.
Denise and Al Pikkert

Denise - September 13, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ Surprised to hear of Darwin's passing a man so full of life. All my sympathy's to his family.

Had the great pleasure to work with Darwin At Ethyl Canada after he had retired from Esso. Armed with all that experience, still passionate and dedicated to his work.

Will miss his enthusiastic demeanor and insightful scouting reports at the hockey games. Will remember him with a smile and a warm thought when the puck drops.

Michael Boyd

Michael Boyd - September 13, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Darwin's passing. I will always remember him for his conversations when he would stop to talk when he was riding his bike. So sorry for your loss.

Doug and Judy Krall

Judith Krall - September 12, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ Very saddened to hear of the passing of Darwin, used to work with him about 53 years ago at Dominion Sinks and seen him out biking all the time but the last time I spoke to him outside of the post office age came into our conversation and he told me how old he was and I found it hard to believe that he was as old as he told me because I wouldn't have believed because he seemed so much younger. My condolences go out to all his family and friends. John Redden

John Redden - September 12, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Darwin's passing. So glad that Lee and I could meet you for lunch when we were in Ontario last year. My sincerest condolences.

Dorothy Rivard (nee Hussey)

Dorothy Rivard - September 12, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ Hugh Clouse and the Clouse Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Darwin Hussey.



Hugh Clouse and the Clouse Family - September 12, 2017 at 05:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album In his youth in beach camp



Chips Reid - September 12, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ Darwin in his late teens and Miss Burke at Palo Seco Beach (sent by Chips Reid)

Chips - September 12, 2017 at 02:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Darwin, our thoughts and prays go out to the family

Joseph and Ginny Hussey

Joseph Hussey - September 12, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He was a guy who asked questions on any topic, especially hockey players. He will be missed.

Dave & Pauline Mitchell - September 12, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ With Love Michelle, Andrew & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darwin Hussey.



With Love Michelle, Andrew & Family - September 12, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ To the whole Hussey family, our heartfelt sorrow at your loss. I first met Darwin the week that Andrea and Mike moved to their new home on Petrolia line (many years ago). Darwin came over to our house, introduced himself in that easy way he had, and asked that we `watch out for them ... they were young and old houses are a lot of work'. He worried about them. I never forgot that. How can you not love a man who worries for his kids (even if those kids have grown and are very, very capable). We enjoyed his stories and our chats about fixing old houses. He was a lovely man and will be missed. Our hearts are with you, Jennifer & Hector Audette & family

Jennifer Audette - September 12, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ 91 files added to the album LifeTributes



Needham-Jay Funeral Home - September 11, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Dan And Rosemary Wilson lit a candle in memory of Darwin Hussey



Dan and Rosemary Wilson - September 10, 2017 at 11:51 PM



“ A light has gone out in our family....our beloved oldest brother Darwin who always showed love and concern for all those who had the pleasure of knowing him....who always would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you had a need or he could help you....as the youngest in the family of 5 boys along with my 3 older brothers Wayne, Paul and Dale we were honoured and blessed with the opportunity of spending 2 of the last 3 days with Darwin & his wonderful loving family.....to be able to celebrate his life together with him and to know he was of a sound mind and understand how much he meant to all of us...it was a most beautiful and meaningful time for everyone knowing he was on the final days of his earthly journey.....we all cried, hugged, laughed and celebrated a life well lived...Darwin you left a wonderful legacy in your family and for all those that knew you....you touched, encouraged, cheered and inspired so many in your 88 yearswe will miss you forever but you will always be in our hearts...thanks for the wonderful memories you left us.....we will see you again my brother.....with all our love & prayers to Rita and all the family at this most difficult time.....we grieve with youRobert & Ruth Hussey & family

Robert A Hussey - September 10, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ One of the best...A true Hardoiler and super friend.....sid rose.

sid rose - September 10, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ To all the Hussey family, our sincere condolences on the passing of Darwin. Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. Treasure the memories of this special man.
Rick and Carol

Rick Powell - September 10, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ Diana Bell lit a candle in memory of Darwin Hussey



Diana Bell - September 10, 2017 at 07:08 PM



“ Rita and family

My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.

Diana Bell - September 10, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ To all of the Hussey family - our thoughts are with you for the loss of Darwin. He was well loved and you have wonderful memories of him to share. Take care of each other, love Norm Lane and family.

Jane - September 11, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ Rita and family. We have you in our thoughts at this very trying & emotional time. Darwin was a very exceptional man and we know he will be immensely missed.

June - September 11, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ Rita, Glen, Gina, Mike and your families,

We at Petrolia Minor Hockey are truly saddened at the loss of Darwin. We lost a great man. He will be sorely missed. PMHA will dedicate this season to his memory. The Midget teams will miss their #1 fan!

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal." From a headstone in Ireland

Thinking of you all this difficult time.

Your Friends at Petrolia Minor Hockey

Nick Salaris - September 10, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ Harold and Jean purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Darwin Hussey.



Harold and Jean - September 10, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Darwin Hussey.



September 10, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Thinking of you.

Marion Henderson - September 10, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ You had to love Darwin , he was a great man full of love , energy, humour along with lots of very interesting true life stories he will be missed by many but never forgotten!!! Our prayers and thoughts go out to Rita and family
Lorne and Vicki Font

Lorne Font - September 10, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Darwin's passing.Ace and I have had coffee with him many times at Tim's.He always had stories to tell of his school days and Petrolia.He was very proud of his Family.Our condolences to all of the Family.He will be missed. Nancy Hibbert and Ace Plaine

Nancy Hibbert - September 10, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ Darwin will be missed he always had a smile. He has watched many of our kids growing up and attending many hockey and ball games. Treasure your time his week coming up and laugh and cry as you look through the old pictures. Thinking of you all

Terry Bright - September 10, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ Deanna Huff lit a candle in memory of Darwin Hussey



Deanna Huff - September 10, 2017 at 05:21 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Mike and family on the passing of you father.

Deanna Huff - September 10, 2017 at 05:23 AM



“ He was an inspiration to all who knew him He will be missed
In our thoughts
Shirley & Don Mckay

Shirley & Don McKay - September 09, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin Hussey.



September 09, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ Marion Hopper lit a candle in memory of Darwin Hussey



Marion Hopper - September 09, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin Hussey.



September 09, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to such a wonderful, loving man. He has blessed us in so many ways, his caring words, his beautiful smile and lovely notes sent in expressing his love to us. So hard to accept he isn't here our warm sincere sympathy to Rita, his sweet wife and family. We love you so very much

Dale and Marion Hussey - September 09, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ Scott Dillon lit a candle in memory of Darwin Hussey



Scott Dillon - September 09, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Rita, Glen, Gina, Mike and your families I am shocked to hear of Darwin's passing! I am so sorry for your loss! I have many memories of Darwin while growing up and enjoyed running into him now and then, he always stopped to speak. Please hold your memories close to you, they will help you through the many dark days ahead. Thinking of you all!!! Love Judy and family

Judy Wagner Bahro - September 09, 2017 at 05:31 PM