



Roger J. Gaudreau

December 30, 1936 - July 2, 2012

Roger Gaudreau died on July 2, 2012 at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort

Lauderdale, FL. He was born on December 30, 1936 in St. Simon, Quebec, Canada.

He was a loving husband, a devoted father and a doting grandfather. His family

came first and he cared for all of us. Roger was a contractor in Burlington,

Vermont for over 30 years. He was a builder at heart, built a large home in

Vermont and renovated several houses in Florida.

He owned a Polaris snowmobile, the fastest, sexiest machine ever to come

out at the time. For a few years, he belonged to a bowling league and his score

was always outstanding. He played golf with friends and finally with his wife

after she took a few lessons. He was athletic and excelled at all sports.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He flew in a small bush plane to remote parts of northern Quebec with his brother Andre and favorite brother-in-law Marcel Lemay several times to go moose hunting. Deer hunting in

Vermont was a tradition for him with his friends and family. He went deep sea fishing in California, Rhode Island and Florida, but would always be ready to throw in a line in any body of water.

He had an amazing way with horses and was an accomplished horseman. Throughout his life he owned several horses, but his favorite was "Duke", who brought him seven ribbons in the Lucky Trail Riders Gymkhana. His

last horse was named "Dewars", no surprise, and he loved his chow chow dog "King".

Roger was always the life of the party, he never found a party he did not

like and had an indomitable zest for life. He enjoyed all types of music and was

a great dancer. He had a big heart, was always ready to help others. He served

as a volunteer fireman in Colchester, Vermont for several years and was a member

of the Elks and Moose Clubs.

Every Thursday he would meet his friends at the Ethan Allen

Club, raise a glass and a little hell. He liked exchanging opinions,

discussing current events and playing cribbage. His mentor and good friend Guy

Myers was the club manager for many years.

He relished attending hockey games in Montreal with a dear friend Leo

O'Brien. Roger would cheer for the Canadiens and Leo for Boston and they always

had a blast. Another really wonderful friend was Guy Neveu, a Frenchman, they

understood each other well and enjoyed their time together at the Ethan Allen Club and in Florida. Guy has the single distinction of having saved his life back in 1999, by rushing him to the hospital when he had his first heart attack, allowing us to have him with us for many more years.

After he retired, he was always excited to visit new places and made trips to Hawaii, Vancouver, France, Italy, Mexico, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and several other Caribbean Islands. In the last four years, he became captivated by taking cruises.

He will be deeply missed by all !!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **21**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Savino-Weissman Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2950 North State Road 7
Margate, FL 33063
(954) 977-5244

Tribute Wall

LG

“ 1 file added to the album Roger Gaudreau



Louise Gaudreau - July 23, 2012 at 04:25 PM

JJ

The Roger Gaudreau Memorial Video was awesome! Made me so sad to think of what a wonderful guy we have lost, at the same time, it gave me great joy to remember him enjoying those many special happy times with friends and family. Thanks for sharing.

Jacqueline Jones - July 28, 2012 at 11:11 AM

TG

“ *Ton Soeur Georgette sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger J. Gaudreau*



Ton soeur Georgette - July 17, 2012 at 06:37 PM

DL

“ *Diane Lebel lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Gaudreau*



Diane Lebel - July 17, 2012 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger J. Gaudreau.*



July 17, 2012 at 08:03 AM



“ *Roger a toujours été un bon vivant qui aimait la vie. Roger, tu vas manquer à beaucoup de monde. Roger veille sur Armande et tes enfants. Mes plus sincères sympathie a toute la famille. Armande prend soin de toi, mes prières et pensées vont vers vous et votre famille.*

Mario Gaudreau

Mario Gaudreau - July 15, 2012 at 07:05 PM

HW

“ I am very sad to have lost a brother-in-law this past week. I was approximately 12 years old when I met Roger, my brother-in-law. We were on the farm in West Addison. All my sisters and I thought he was very handsome. We thought our sister, Armande, was very lucky to have found him. She would definitely agree with us today. Roger loved children. Whenever there was a new niece or nephew in the family, you bet he was right there to love them and play with them. He would take the pacifier and dip it in his scotch and say to us, see she/he likes it. We would tell him to stop, but he always managed to sneak a few more. So all you nieces and nephews, yes, you were one of them. It was always a good time when Roger was in the house. He was the official bartender and enjoyed being behind the bar laughing with everybody. All the sisters together made 2 visits to FL before moving there, so as he had been in FL for long winter vacations, he was our official guide. He took us to his favorite places. It was so much fun. Roger helped dry our tears when one of us was sad. Roger was like a brother. We all knew we were lucky to have him, but he thought he was the lucky one. Roger, you are in a better place now, rest in peace. Thank you for being so understanding, loving, and always there for us. I already miss you. Florida will never be the same again. Goodbye my friend.
~ Helen Winters, South Hero, Vermont



Helen Winters - July 14, 2012 at 08:59 PM

DM

“ I still can't believe that my brother-in-law Roger is gone. It doesn't seem possible. Roger was like a brother to all of us and treated us as if we were his sisters and Marcel his brother. He loved our children and grand children, he would always pay attention to them and always with a smile on his face, how could they not love him back.

Roger loved to have a good time. I will cherish all the wonderful memories of our many times and Holidays spent with Roger and his family. They were great times and so much fun.

I will always remember him for being there when I needed him. He was easy to talk to and encouraging, he made you look at the bright side of things.

My sister Armande was the love of his life and he was the love of her life. He will be missed more than words can say, our family won't be the same without him. He will live in our hearts forever.

Denise Martin - July 13, 2012 at 12:50 PM

KL

“ Karen Lamberton lit a candle in memory of Roger J. Gaudreau



Karen Lamberton - July 13, 2012 at 07:45 AM

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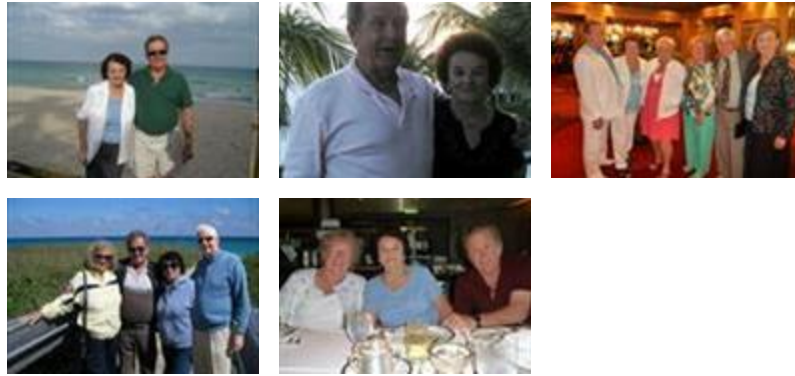
“ So many happy hours spent together -- we will miss Roger so very much. He lives on in our hearts and in our many wonderful, very special memories.

Thoughts and prayers go out to his loving family and friends.

Jacqueline Jones - July 12, 2012 at 03:55 PM

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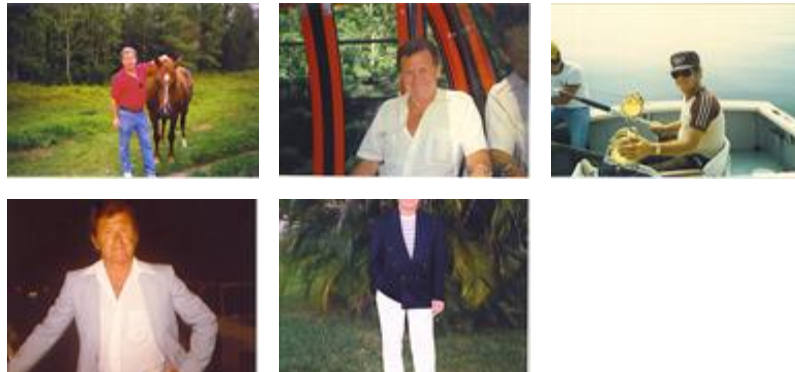
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Jacqueline Jones - July 12, 2012 at 03:52 PM

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Louise Gaudreau - July 10, 2012 at 09:23 AM