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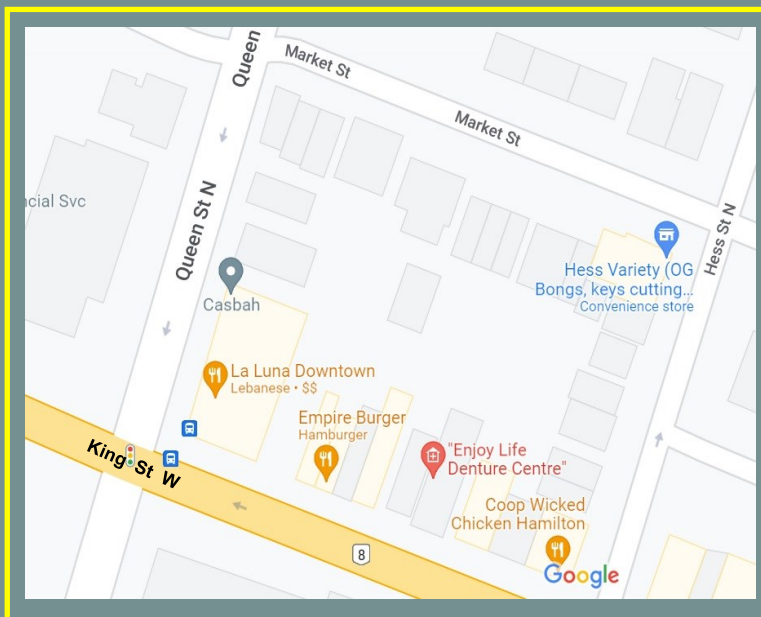
THE HAMILTON MUSICIANS' GUILD LOCAL 293, AFM/CFM SINCE 1903

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, Nov 07, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

The Casbah Lounge

306 King St West - Entrance on Queen St North
Hamilton, Ontario



Meeting Agenda

President Report

Previous Minutes

Secretary-Treasurer Report

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Hamilton Musicians' Guild



President's Report



Larry Feudo

It's hard to think that summer's over and we're headed into late fall and what promises to be a cold winter. I hope you all had a great summer and were able to play more gigs and enjoyed the festival season -I know I did.

With the good weather came a resurgence of work for our members and the return of P2 cross border work sparked a return of many former members back to the Guild. This increase in membership helped our financial security while increasing our workload.

Unfortunately, our new secretary treasurer Ryan McKenna was on the road for much of the summer and fall leaving us short staffed. I have had to fill in for him and Brent Malseed has helped out considerably in Ryan's absence and we owe Brent our gratitude for stepping up to help out.

This leads us to a search for an office administrator who can handle the clerical end of things on a consistent basis to fill in the gaps. We will be reaching out to find a suitable candidate shortly.

On Nov 13 we're looking forward to the return of our Bob Pedler Fundraiser event for the first time in over two years. We have eight bands playing pro bono for the cause to raise funds to augment the Lester Petrillo Grants from the AFM. We're proud to say that dozens of our members have been helped financially with these grants when they were sick or injured and unable to play.

Our sponsors this year include Long and Mcquade, Picks and Sticks, Stonewalls and the Friends of Richard Newell Committee.

This year's George R. Robinson founder awards recipients are Marie Phillips and Kerry Jarvi on behalf of the Hamilton Downtown BIA. Both are being recognised for their significant contributions in support of musicians in our community.

We're looking to branch out our MPTF support to the BIA's city-wide as well as Burlington and Oakville so that'll mean more gigs for our members. It's a work in progress and we'll keep you posted.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all at the Casbah Lounge Monday November 7th-doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7pm. While we're cautiously optimistic about what the new year holds for us I believe if we come together as a collective we can make gains. Remember, you are the union.

Yours in solidarity,

Larry Feudo



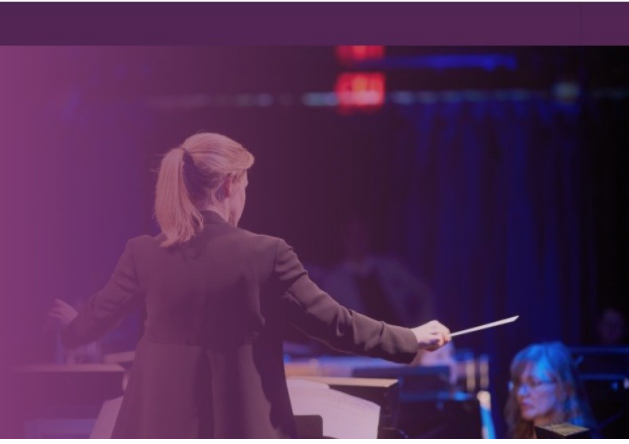
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Ryan McKenna

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

It's been a great summer in the Office at the Hamilton Musicians' Guild. We have seen many members taking advantage of the resources available to them as members. I have been having many conversations in-person and virtually about ways for members to expand their businesses. Many Guild Members have been working in the USA. With a great deal of opportunity flourishing there, AFM Members' unparalleled ease of access to US Work Visas brings international opportunities within reach for even the most inexperienced or recently dormant musicians among us.

I am grateful to have enjoyed a great deal of work on stage this year. Thanks to the access we enjoy as AFM Members to "P2 Visas" I've seen more of the continent than I have in previous years and it is highly rewarding. Part of the challenge of that is balancing my responsibilities in the Office as your Secretary-Treasurer. Thankfully, our President Lary Feudo has been a consistent presence in the Office and our Secretary-Treasurer-Emeritus Brent Malseed has been able to step into the gaps when I am away. This Local is a real team-effort and I am proud to be a part of its ongoing success.

In Gore Park, there is a fountain that we all pass by day-to-day. It was built in 1860 to commemorate the September 18-20 visit in 1860 by His Royal Highness Edward Prince of Wales. In co-operation with the Downtown Hamilton BIA, many of our members have performed as part of the Summer Promenade Concert Series. This was a 14-week lunchtime festival performed for the public without an admission fee under the shadow of that notable architectural feature. The funding was largely provided by the Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) and we are proud to have been able to facilitate professional work for many of our members and to help to develop community alliances. Hamilton is a city with an incredible history and a substantial groundswell of pride in the potential of what it has to offer in the years ahead.

We have enjoyed a resurgence in membership as we bounce back from the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are at 557 active members as of this writing. We're on a fantastic trajectory to get back to pre-COVID numbers and we have to thank our membership for continuing to spread the word about all the benefits of being a member of the Local.

Here's to the rest of what 2022 has in store!

Yours in solidarity, Ryan McKenna

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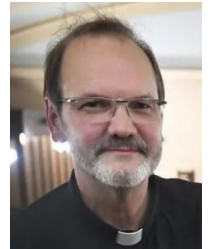
JAKE "BIG RUDE JAKE" HIEBERT

— 01-Mar-1963 - 16-Jun-2022 —

Andrew Jocaob Hiebert, born March 1, 1963, died June 16, 2022, the son of Jake and Amy Hiebert. Beloved husband to Anna-Lisa Seelinger, beloved father and hero of his beloved daughter, Hope.

A full house gathered Sunday, July 24, 2022 at Laidlaw Church in East Hamilton to Celebrate the life of Jake Hiebert, Big Rude Jake.

Rev. Douglas C. Moore gave the following eulogy in honour of Big Rude Jake:



Rev. Doug Moore

I met Big Rude Jake some years ago now, he was kind enough to agree to come to Laidlaw at the invitation of Shari Vandermolen, who was organizing Jazz Concerts at Laidlaw. Jake came once, enjoyed it, and graciously returned.

I loved Jake. He spoke the truth. I understood perfectly the 'Big Rude' part of Jake. He helped me settle on a policy that it was ok to swear in a song while singing in this church, so long as you mean it. Truth always wins.

During COVID, with gigs sparse, Laidlaw offered a paid gig to play at Sunday Services, live or livestreamed, as the law allowed. Jake agreed to come and play at Laidlaw for Sunday services, sometimes, with almost no one in the room. Jake always put heart, soul, spirit and mind into every song, and his hands on a guitar is an image that will always speak to me of wonder and grace.

Jake was a true poet. We spoke of faith and philosophy, we shared growing up in a Mennonite household, we shared a desire to expand our notions of what was good to include more than we had imagined. I have great respect for Jake's spiritual life, he was truly Zen, and, when he stepped out to perform, Big, and Rude, and he was always Jake. Jake's song writing and performing have created a great legacy for his family, and for us all. He was unique in the universe.

I remember conversations with Jake about how much he loved Anna-Lisa and Hope, how devoted he was to their well-being, how much delight he took in his family. Jake can count on all of us to look to the good of his family.

See you, Brother. A golden thread of sympathy connecting us through all darkness. Surely this is reason enough to smile? Peace, our brother, always, peace.



Check out the "Girl in the Pink Canoe" at the link below:



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In Memoriam

Watch the Celebration of Life for Big Rude Jake, click - <https://bigrudejake.ca/about/memorial/>

Ghazal – Buddha

Even if we can't see it, we bow down in our own perfection.
The world is this mirror: our constant re-telling of the image before us.
Time only serves the lament of the world.
There can be no shadow without the lust for shadow.
Fire placed on the highest ground.
A golden thread of sympathy connecting us through all darkness.
Surely this is reason enough to smile?



In the name of all that is holy and sacred, May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly be freed from their illnesses. May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free. May the powerless find power and may people think of befriending one another. May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wildernesses—the children, the aged, the unprotected— be guarded by all that is good in this world, and beyond it. Let us all be forgiven for the harm we have thought and done. Let us be mindful, so that we may live in love, and die in peace. Let us, by our living and by our dying, seek the good of all beings. Let us honour on another, so that eternal love and light may prevail. Just as the soft rains fill the streams, Pour into the rivers and join together in the oceans, So may the power of every moment of goodness and grace we share gather to awaken and heal all beings, Those here now, those gone before, those yet to come.

As we celebrate the life of our brother, Jake Hiebert, as we embrace his life and legacy, let love, respect, and joy prevail. Let truth and music lift our spirits, and guide our path, until love, joy, truth, wisdom, and compassion are the air we breathe, the water we drink, the ground we stand on, and the fire in our soul.

Amen.

*Rev. Doug Moore,
Laidlaw Memorial United Church*

Note:

Laidlaw Memorial United Church, since Rev. Doug Moore came on 16 years ago, has become a big force on this city's music scene and now it has its own livestream YouTube channel.



Toronto's Big Rude Jake provided audiences with a performance of his lusty, masculine, and exemplary jazz. Between sets he touched on his gospel influences, passions, and the stories behind his lyrics. In the video to the left, he impresses with his gritty and irresistible music. Songs include "Steppin' Out Under the Moon," "Music in the Street" and even a tribute of sorts to Moses Znaimer.

Singer/song-writer Big Rude Jake was a distinguished figure on the Canadian music scene with a notable presence around the world. A deft craftsman of song, a compelling lyricist and a genuine "Blues belter," he was always knocking audiences dead for over 20 years.



Paul Panchezak

Local 293 StreetBeat

Hey everybody. Don't forget to mark this date on your calendar: Sunday November 13, 2022. It's the return of the "fundraiser for the fund", the Bob Pedler Memorial Fund that is. On account of pandemic disruptions this will be the first time Local 293 has staged this popular event in three years. As you probably know, the Pedler Fund is a benevolent fund administered by the Hamilton Musicians' Guild which provides short term relief for its members who are unable to work on account of health setbacks.



The Hamilton Musicians' Guild
Local 293, AFM Since 1903

Presents the 4th Annual
Bob Pedler Memorial Fundraiser

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - 1 to 6 pm
A Live Music Afternoon at Stonewalls
Admission is \$10 and doors open at 12:30

The Bob Pedler Memorial Fund helps musicians who are unable to perform due to health issues or injuries
 Hamilton Area Professional Musicians are Donating their Talents for this Fundraiser

Live Performances by the following Musical Groups:

 Michael Maguire	 Paul Coombs Blues Band	 Ron Palangio Jazz Band	 TRICKBAG
 Big John & the Night Trippers	 Loralee McGuirl	 Kyle Pacey Grammy and Hamilton Music Award Nominee	 BACK TRAX

Draws for many prizes including an Epiphone Dove Pro Electric/ Acoustic Guitar in Violin Burst - donated by Long & McQuade



The George R. Robinson Award

The Hamilton Musicians' Guild will also present the George R. Robinson award for outstanding support of live music in Hamilton. The following honorees have distinguished themselves with exemplary support of live music in the Hamilton area with passion and selfless commitment over many years:

Marie Phillips & Kerry Jarvi (BIA)

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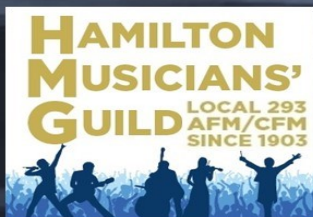
It augments the assistance offered by the A.F. of M through their Lester Petrillo Fund. As we all know navigating the unpredictable twists and turns of Covid's surges and lulls over the last three years has been quite a challenge for the musical community. For some of us unrelated and unexpected health issues have compounded the stresses brought about by the pandemic. The Bob Pedler Fund, in addition to the Lester Petrillo Fund offers those unfortunate ones some timely relief, a welcome bit of cash to tide them over until they can get back to their musical endeavours. Needless to say, quite a few Local 293 members have accessed the fund since our last fundraiser concert in 2019.

On November 13 we hope to top up the Pedler Fund with the proceeds from an all-star concert at Stonewalls in Hamilton (York Street). Between one and six o'clock in the afternoon eight outstanding acts, representing a variety of genres, will be donating their time to raise money for the benefit of their fellow musicians. For a modest \$10 admission attendees will be treated to sets by Michael Maguire, the Paul Coombs Blues Band, the Ron Palangio Jazz Band, Trickbag, Loralee McGuirl, Big John and the Nite Trippers, Kyle Pacey and Back Trax. Sounds like a bargain at twice the price.

Another feature of our fundraising concert is the presentation of the George R. Robinson Award. Named for Local 293's founding president (also the namesake of the legendary Gage Park bandshell), the award is presented to members of our community who have enriched Hamilton's musical heritage through their support. This year we have two recipients. Marie Phillips is a local financial consultant who contributes to the arts on a number of fronts including the Westdale Theatre Board, the Hamilton Music Collective and the HPO just to name a few. The other presentation is to the Downtown Hamilton BIA. Local 293 members will of course recognize that group through summertime concerts they stage downtown which provide gigs for many of our members. Kerry Jarvi will on hand to accept the award on behalf of the BIA.

Finally we can't forget the proud sponsors who have already made contributions to the cause: Long and Mcquade, Kevin Mann Accounting, Picks and Sticks, Friends of Richard Newell and Stonewalls. Come on down on November 13. Your \$10 admission makes you a proud sponsor as well. Musicians helping musicians. Sounds like a concept that works.

Regards,
Paul Panchezak,
Sergeant-at-Arms



Hamilton Musicians' Guild Presents
The Bob Pedler Memorial Fundraiser
Sunday, November 13, 2022
Line-up & Presentations

Michael Maguire	1:00 - 1:25 pm
Paul Coombs Blues Band	1:30 - 1:55 pm
Ron Palangio Jazz Band	2:00 - 2:25 pm
Trickbag	2:30 - 2:55 pm

George R Robinson Award Presentations

Marie Phillips & Kerry Jarvi (BIA)

Big John & The Nite Trippers	3:30 - 3:55 pm
Loralee McGuirl	4:00 - 4:25 pm
Kyle Pacey	5:00 - 5:25 pm
Back Trax	5:35 - 6:00 pm



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Membership activity June 1 2022 to Oct 31, 2022

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As of March 31, 2022

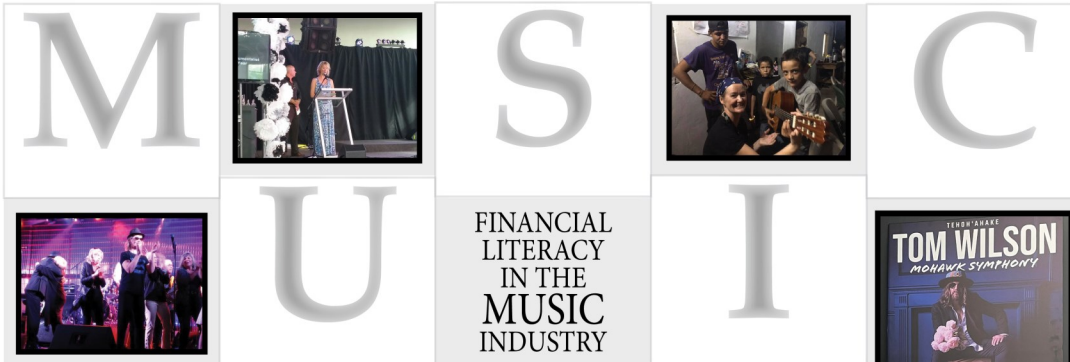
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Marie Phillips

Marie Phillips, runs a successful wealth advisory practice (nextstepsplanning.ca) in Ancaster and Milton and has been in the financial services industry since 1992. She is a co-author of Financial Success for Women written by Women and a respected member and past Chair (2018-2022) of IPC's National Advisory Board. Marie was the recipient of the IPC Cares Award for Community Service along with the IPC's Value of Advice, Top 10 Wealth Builder of the Year and Best Client Experience Awards and has been published/profiled in a variety of media including BNN, The Globe and Mail, Bloomberg, Investment Executive and Wealth Professional. Marie actively volunteers her time advocating for financial literacy and philanthropy in the arts sector and is also an amateur musician.



"She opened their eyes to some enlightening concepts that were unfamiliar to them."

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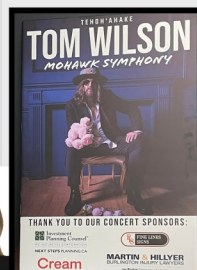
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AFM 50 Year Member Pin Presentation



HMG 293 50 Year Member Certificate Presentation



Kevin Mann

presented
50 Year Membership Certificate
and AFM 50 Year Member Pin



AFM Life Member Pin Presentations



HMG 293 Life Member Certificate Presentations



Helen Beese

presented
Life Membership Certificate
& AFM Life Member Pin



Donna Panchezak

presented
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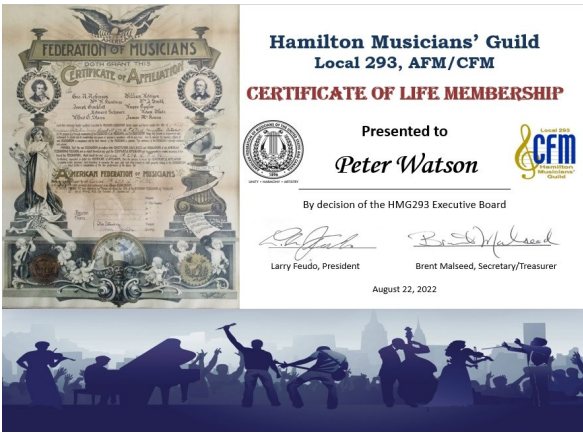
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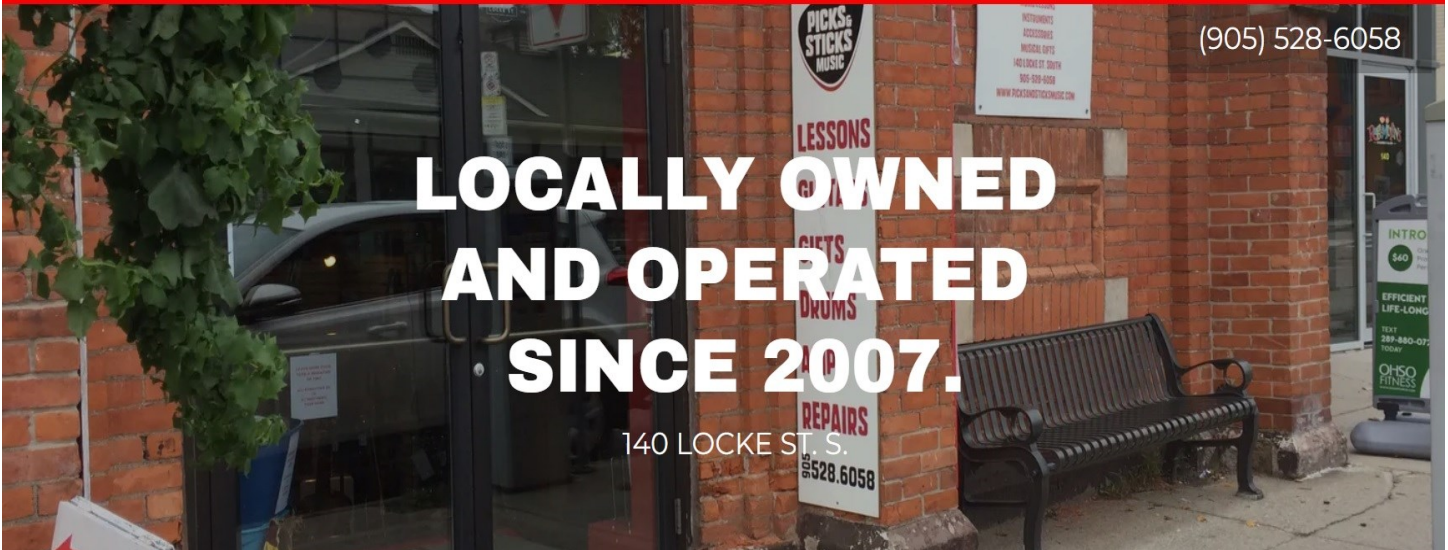
Russ Carter
presented Life Membership Certificate & AFM Life Member Pin



Peter Watson
presented Life Membership Certificate & AFM Life Member Pin



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In Memoriam

Obituary of Larry "Odie" Townsend

TOWNSEND, Larry "Odie" 1955-2022

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of Larry "Odie" Townsend at the Welland Hospital on February 6, 2022. Best friend and soulmate to Cindy (nee Dumont). Dear father of Gregory Butosi. He will be sadly missed by his brothers; Gary (Judy), Wayne (Patricia) and Ray (Barb). Predeceased by his parents Earl and Jessie (nee Wilson) Townsend and his brother Stuart Townsend. Larry, AKA "Odie" came from a musical family. He was born in Wiarton, Ontario and lived in Guelph where his music career started. He would later move to the Niagara Peninsula after touring for 20 years.

His musical career spanned over 50 years performing across Canada & the United States. Larry spent two years in Florida performing off Broadway in productions such as "The Wiz" and "Fiddler on the Roof". Also, performing nightly shows at Beethoven's with True Reflections. His touring allowed him to meet celebrities along the way and loved telling the stories behind each one.

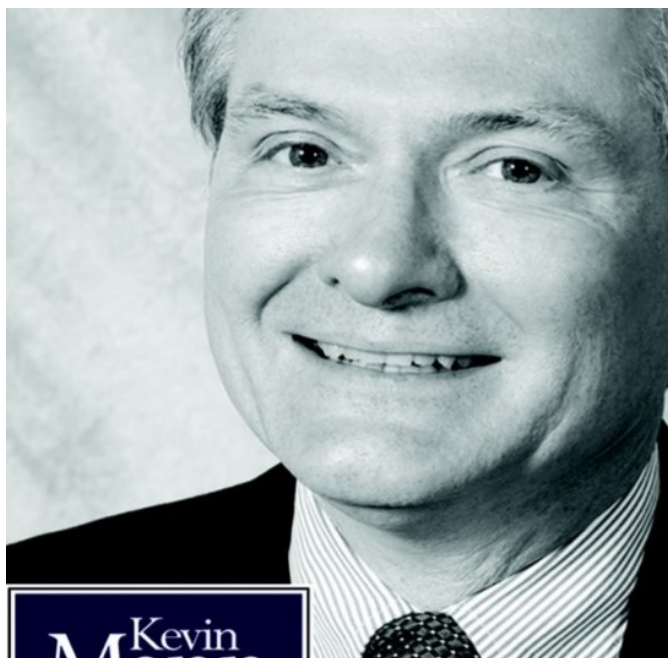
With his amazing keyboarding along with his strong vocal talent Larry performed everything from Classic Rock, Disco and 50's. He played with such bands as Mike Laymen, All In One Breath, True Reflections, Hourglass, Forum, The Boys, Spellbound, Sneak Preview, Assorted Nuts, Lock 8, Sheer Impact, Johnny and the Cruisers, Waterline, 50's In Colour, Borderline and Soul 69 (I am sure there were more that I missed). His love for music shone on stage with every performance he made captivating his audiences and he will continue to shine through those who will fondly remember him.



Odie touched the hearts of all who knew him. He was a humble man, had a great sense of humor, good with a joke or two (even though some of them were bad) and was always down for a good meal. Most would say his eyes lit up when he smiled (thus his childhood nickname "Smiler") and he had a hearty laugh. He was kind and empathetic with a heart of gold. Family and friends were very important to Odie and he always enjoyed his leisure time (when he had it) with both.

Our thanks, love and appreciation go out to his musician brothers and sisters for their outpouring of love and even though he may be gone they will remain family. To our friends, old and new alike and his co-workers at CTFs, thank you for your warm words. Our hearts are very touched and overflowing. We the Townsend family wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Welland County Hospital ICU staff. Many thanks to Dr. McCar, Lee (Larry's nurse) for their dedication, compassion, and empathy. You fought right along with Larry and it will never be forgotten. You will be forever in our hearts. In keeping with Larry's wishes, cremation has taken place.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated by the family.



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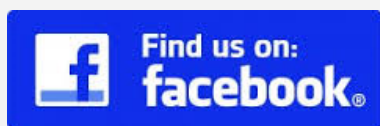
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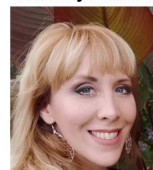
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