

## IAN ALLAISTER BENNIE

Rest in piece my dear friend. The memories I have of you will live on forever.

*Donna estabrooks*

January 30, 2024

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Our thoughts and prayers for the family on Ian's passing. Karen and Bill Stewart

*Bill Stewart*

January 30, 2024

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My Friend Ian Hi. My name is Jocelyn. I get called Joss or Joce, mostly, but Ian called me 'Jaws'. When I objected, saying it was like the movie, 'Jaws, The Great White', he pointed out that he HAD seen me in a tank top and shorts in the summer. So it was always Jaws. Ian and I shared a love for riding our motorcycles... me on my 1984 Honda Nighthawk... and Ian, in the beginning, on his Honda 250. For all intents and purposes, it 'looked' like a big bike. I would leave him in the dust on many occasions. Then he got his Harley Sportster and now I was the guy eating dust. We had a lot of fun and put a lot of clicks on every summer. Once, in Wasaga, there seemed to be a commotion and we passed some topless girls with a sign saying, 'Honk if you like tits!' Afterwards, I commented that I was surprised he didn't honk. "I thought I was, but I was pressing the starter button", he replied. Yes, Ian loved the ladies and the ladies loved him. When asked why he had a 'Jesus Fish' on the back of his van, when I knew he wasn't religious, he said, "I am opening myself up to a whole new set of women". He always had a bevy of beauties hanging around, and he always had a 'number one' in top place. I asked him what he got for Christmas from 'Number One'. "A \$60 coupon for a restaurant" he said dejectedly. "\$60 is pretty good!", I enthused. "Yah, but last year I got \$100!" We loved to go to thrift stores, garage sales and yard sales. My husband, Garry, called him my 'girlfriend'. Ian loved getting a deal. Once he proudly showed me a tennis-racquet-looking-affair that was used to electrocute flies, mosquitoes and other insects. He became very animated with it, swishing it around in the air. "Oh, my gawd, Ian, I just brought that thing IN to the Goodwill!" Oh, well. It was still a deal. He always seemed to be in the right place at the right time for any calamity. He described an incident on French's Hill when a large boat left its trailer and headed down the highway straight for him in his lane of traffic. Only Ian could get run off the road by a boat, I figure. On another of our motorcycle trips we were both almost hit by a couple of low flying turkeys! On highway 12, just outside Midland, we watched in horror as the huge, derpy birds' legs dangled just above our helmets! Our number wasn't up that day, thank goodness. Every day in good weather, you could see Ian sitting outside his house, reading on his e-reader. He always had his eyes peeled for whatever was going on in the neighbourhood. As a matter of fact, for years you could have seen him on 'Google Maps' walking Dexter the dog down the sidewalk. It just seemed natural, somehow. He always hosted family gatherings, and was always at his kids' and grandkids' sports events. He always enjoyed his trips to Cuba and I would look after his house for him while he was away. I would drop in and put checks on the checklist he left for me. To repay me he would invite me to dinner for a favourite of both of ours... liver and onions. I would get a phone call with the announcement, "I got the liver!", and soon I would be enjoying a home cooked meal. In Cuba, Ian would take his collection of treasures he had found at the thrift stores and take them to the hotel staff and resort employees. Before he left home he would have a number of suitcases all around the house, packed with t-shirts, hats, perfume, watches, toiletries, and the ever elusive pairs of stockings to take to his friends. Ian took TONS of pictures, and made sure I got to see them. Every. Single. One. I have a file on my iPad entitled, 'Ian Photos'. From the birth of his first grandson and on...Laura even admitted I probably had more photos than her! I know Ian was a friend to many. No matter where we went, be it a store, village, town or city, as soon as we alit, Ian would say, "We'll, there's so-and-so!", and he would be gone again, catching up with an old chum. I feel that THAT is where we left off. He's off on another trip somewhere, finding his old friends. Rest In Peace, my good friend. Jaws

*Jocelyn Woodcock*

January 30, 2024

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Please accept our deepest sympathies.

*Paul & Jane Kenney*

January 30, 2024

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My deepest condolences to Ian's family. He was a friend who brought a smile to my face every time we met. I will miss him. Goodbye Ian, Rest in Peace.

*Caroline Murphy*

January 30, 2024

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Our deepest sympathy to Ian's family at this sad time. Ian will be sadly missed at the Euchre table..Anne and Al.

*Anne Starr*

January 30, 2024

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The Bennie's moved onto Stone Street (where I grew up) when I was 5 years old and Laura and I became the best of friends. Ian let me come along (with Jess & Laura) for many family outings, and taught me how to fish. I have many fond memories of catching 'tagged' fish for the Orillia Derby's. I spent lots of time on their trampoline and in their pool. Whenever we were passing by and saw Ian sitting on his beloved porch, we always stopped by for a chat. I send my deepest condolences to Laura, Jess and their families. He will be missed xoxo

*Amy Fleming*

January 30, 2024

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Jess and Laura we are very sorry for your loss, sending our condolences to you both and your families..keep the memories close to your heart ☹️ Wanda & Fred

*Wanda & Fred Spring*

January 30, 2024

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I am terribly sorry to hear of Ian's passing. He was always one of my favourite customers from when I worked at the Kozy Kitchen in Elmvale. We always had great laughs EVERY time Ian was in for coffee.

*Lisa Stroud*

January 30, 2024

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My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss. We are all saddened to hear this news as Ian was a member of our Social Group in Barrie as well as a fellow classmate at Western Tech of mine. Please let me know when the Celebration of your Dad's life is planned. We will miss him.

*Patti Phillips*

January 31, 2024

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Ssending My Sincere Condolences To Ians Family. He Was A Forever Friend for many years

*Carol Molenda*

January 31, 2024

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this was a shock to hear Ian always looked after himself I used to think he was the Mayor of Elmvale you could walk anywhere in that town with him that he didn't know someone . I worked with him at Bell Canada .the one thing I was always struck by was his deep and

true love and support of his girls take care my friend

*garry pryor*

January 31, 2024

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Sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Mr Bennie. Thinking of you Jess, Laura and your families at this difficult time.

*Karla MacDonald-Wiens*

January 31, 2024

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So sorry to hear of Ian's passing. Please accept our condolences.

*Russ & Karen Stroud*

January 31, 2024

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My heartfelt condolences to Laura and Jessica and their families for the loss of their Dad and Granddad. I have known Ian my entire life. Ian, David and my brother Gordon were all best friends when they were young. We share great memories and he will be sadly missed, but in my heart he will always be. R.I.P. Ian (Our next dinner and golf date together will be in heaven) Sincerely, Margie and my brother Gordon Bennett

*Marjory Barber (Bennett)*

January 31, 2024

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My thoughts are with you and your family

*Barry McGrady*

January 31, 2024

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Laura and Jessie, We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. We enjoyed him as a neighbour on Stone Street. Our condolences to you. Pat & Barry Navarra

*Barry Navarra*

February 1, 2024

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Deep condolences to his family. Only known Ian for the last 10 years. Enjoyed his company during group get togethers,. He had a good sense of humour and so proud and happy of his family. Gone too early. He will be missed. RIP,

*Mary Southgate*

February 2, 2024

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RIP my sweet, kind friend of nearly 60 years. I am so heartbroken to hear of your passing. I still have all your letters you wrote to me when you were in the Navy. Will miss our monthly 2 hour chats on the phone. Big Hugs to you in Heaven

*Ronnie Robertson*

February 2, 2024

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Our deepest sympathy & condolences to all the family

*Al & Lila Beardsdall*

February 2, 2024

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My thoughts are with Jess and Laura and families Ian was a great person and a great neighbour when we lived on Lent

*Wendy Clark*

February 2, 2024

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Roger; Barb and I would like to send our condolences to you and your family. I am going to miss him dearly when Dennis and I go golfing. Wayne Hutzul

*WAYNE HUTZUL*

February 2, 2024

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Jess, Laura and families, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I loved Ian. He was ALWAYS the life of the party at every family gathering! We loved going to his place for the maple syrup festival. He loved you all so very much and never tired of telling us what you were up to. I'm sure that you will all miss him terribly. Please be sure to let me know when the golf/memorial game will be. Love Cheryl

*Cheryl Ogle*

February 3, 2024

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Jess, Laura and families, I'm so sorry for your loss. We saw your Dad this past August at Tim's with iPad in hand to show us all his pictures of the family and to tell us what everyone was doing. Your Dad was very proud of you both and loved being involved in the grandchildren's activities. Please let us know when the Celebration of Life is. Are thoughts are with you. Love Mary-Lou and Gary

*Mary-Lou Downer*

February 3, 2024

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News made its way to me today. I'm so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing..he was the dearest friend to David and I'm touched you mentioned him. I know Ian missed him greatly. Hopefully now they will have the best time on the greens. I always laughed that Ian would drag David thru all the salvage yards, garage sales and goodwill. Please reach out as I would like to find out more info. He so loved his girls and grandchildren..'

*Marcella Lambie*

February 3, 2024

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Sorry to hear of Ians passing My condolances to His Family He will be missed by all His coffee buddies . Rest in pease Ian

*maurice Ohallarn*

February 3, 2024

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Sorry to hear of Ian's passing. We worked and played together at Bell. Always a fun guy to be around. Cheers Ian.

*Dave Brann*

February 6, 2024

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So sad to hear of Ian's passing. Last time were back east we spent a wonderful day with Ian touring around Washago. I remember the girls entertaining our boys at Wonderland.

*Bill and Linda McCann*

March 21, 2024

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We are saddened to hear of a lifelong friends passing.

*Richard and Gail Johnston*

June 1, 2025

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