



Clare Joseph Wagler

June 21, 1947 - June 28, 2021

WAGLER, Clare J- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Clare Wagler passed away peacefully at Innisfree Hospice with his family at his side at the age of 74 on Monday, June 28th, 2021. Clare is survived by his loving wife Judy (Steckly) Wagler with whom he shared 50 wonderful years of marriage. Also mourning his loss are his daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry Wagler (Jamie Gaulton), Beth (Steve) Baechler, Tanya (Damon) Johnstone. Already missing their Papa are his beloved grandchildren, Sam and Alex Baechler, Jonas and Hannah Gaulton and Ethyn and Evan Johnstone. Survived by his siblings Dale (Jean) Wagler and Brenda Wagler. Lovingly remembered by his niece Rochelle and his nephews, Trevor, Jeremy and Ryan. Also remembered by Lyle and Marg Ellison. Predeceased by his parents Stan and Ruby (Lebold) Wagler and Judy's parents, Ernie and Betz (Bender) Steckly. Also predeceased by his sister-in-law, Mary Ann (Steckly) Ellison and his brother-in-law Ron Steckly and Ron's wife, Rose (Bender) Steckly. Clare was a long-time dedicated employee of Schnieder Maple Leaf Foods, winning The President's Award in 2006 for Overall Leadership Excellence before his retirement in 2008. Never one to stay idle, after his retirement he began working for KDAC as well as volunteering as a driver for Community Care Concepts. Clare was actively involved with the Wellesley Community. For many years he was a respected coach in the Minor Hockey Association, and he was also a long-time coordinator of the apple fritter booth for the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. Clare was a dedicated

founding member of the Wellesley Mennonite Church serving in many capacities, including church treasurer, church custodian, and a church elder. Clare's grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he could be seen at many sporting events cheering them on from the sidelines. In 2015, Clare was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis which led to many years of health challenges, including a lung transplant. Clare always remained strong and optimistic. His strength in the face of adversity and his commitment to his family is a true testament of his character and leaves a wonderful legacy for his children and grandchildren. A drive by visitation will be held at Wellesley Mennonite Church, 157 David Street, Wellesley, on Friday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Please be aware that you must remain in your vehicle. Please enter from the David Street entrance, staging along David St. from Lawrence St. A private family service will be held in the church on Saturday, July 3, 2021 with interment at Rush's Cemetery, Crosshill. Pastor Clare Lebold officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Clare's honour to Innisfree House, UHN supporting organ donations, or Wellesley Mennonite Church. Arrangement entrusted to the Futher-Franklin Funeral Home, Wellesley.
www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com

The funeral service will be live streamed at 11:30 a.m.

Please follow this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86219520656?pwd=VXI5TmVyWnNuZUkvWk1FdHNQb0dTUT09>

Those who wish, you may follow the link below to make a donation to:

Innisfree House www.lisaardandinnisfree.com

University Health Network for organ donation www.uhnfoundation.ca

Cemetery Details

Rush's Cemetery

1915 Hutchison Road
Crosshill, ON N0K1L0 (CA)

Previous Events

Drive By Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church
157 David St
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)
(519) 656-2700

Drive By Visitation

JUL 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church
157 David St
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)
(519) 656-2700

Private Family Services

JUL 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church
157 David St
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)
(519) 656-2700

Tribute Wall



“ *Futher-Franklin Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Clare Joseph Wagler*



Futher-Franklin Funeral Home - June 30, 2021 at 11:18 PM

CF

Streaming will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please log on a few minutes early.

Christopher Franklin - July 02, 2021 at 10:40 AM

GS

*Dear Judy and Family. We are sorry to hear of Clare's passing. He will be missed by many in the Wellesley community. Thinking of you and sending hugs your way.
Gail and John Smith*

Gail Smith - July 03, 2021 at 08:10 AM

NH

*We first met Clare & Judy as neighbours and then as friends after our move to the village of Wellesley some years ago.
Our memory of Clare is of a kind, friendly and thoughtful man, the epitome of a gentleman and friend.
He has been taken too soon and it is sad to think that he is gone.
Your struggle is over, Clare. Rest In Peace.
We are thinking of Judy and family as you negotiate through this most difficult time.
Norm & Linda Hofstetter*

Norm & Linda Hofstetter - July 03, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Clare Joseph Wagler

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clare Joseph Wagler.



July 08, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ 1967 will always have a special place in my heart. Clare is a part of that as a team member of the New Hamburg Hahns. Character guy, focused, prepared, proud, quiet sense of humor. Always remembered.
Dave Walkom

David B Walkom - July 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Judy and family. I was so sorry to hear about Clare. He was such a loving dad and husband and always willing to lend a hand in his quiet, thoughtful way. He was a very kind and gentle soul. My thoughts are with you. Sincerest condolences. Heather Fields

Heather Fields - July 02, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear that Clare has passed away. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Take good care.
Ed Butterworth

Ed Butterworth - July 02, 2021 at 11:52 AM

LL

“ Sending our sympathy to the Wagler family at this sad time. Clare will also be missed by the community as he volunteered many hours. Our son also remembers Clare as an excellent and kind coach in minor hockey.

Larry and Elsie Lantz - July 02, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ I was lucky enough to have been welcomed into the Wagler family as a close friend at a young age. Clare was the truest meaning of a father. His love for his daughters was evident in everything he did. Those of us that were lucky enough to come along with them felt his love just by walking in the door and being greeted by his warm smile and his kindness shone through. He was an amazing man and his kind soul and love for all will never be forgotten. Sending my love to all of you today and everyday - Janelle

janelle - July 01, 2021 at 10:48 PM

LC

“ Deepest sympathies to the Wagler family. I knew Clare at JMS. He was the ultimate gentleman, and well respected.
RIP Clare.
Lynn Clark

Lynn Clark - July 01, 2021 at 04:53 PM

EM

“ We are thinking of you Judy, and your family, as you mourn the loss of Clare. Cherish the wonderful memories!

Elaine Mohr - July 01, 2021 at 07:54 AM

TL

“ To Judy and family, my sincere sympathies. Clare was one of our baseball coaches in Bantam and Midget during the 1970's . Not only was he a wonderful gentleman, he was a great coach. Very dedicated and well respected. He also had a lot of patience and tolerance.(not easy dealing with teenage boys) I have great memories of those years on the ball diamond with Clare and all the chats we had in the years after.

Rest in peace Clare.

Tim Leis

Tim Leis - June 30, 2021 at 08:30 PM

PS

“ I am privileged to have known Clare. A wonderful man, a great friend. I am sure he has left a legacy in his community. I have fond memories of working with Clare at J.M.Schneider and later Maple Leaf Foods. Even though he was at head office and I was in Winnipeg our phone calls were always cordial.

My condolences to the family and friends of Clare. Till we meet again my Friend.

PAUL SORENSEN - June 30, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DL

“ Remembering the good times spent with Clare & Judy watching our grandchildren (Sam & Alex) playing sports. The boys always had fun with Clare while sharing encouragement, positive feedback & laughter. An added bonus was everyone going out for breakfast or lunch after the games. Sam & Alex were always hungry & Steve & the Grandpa's enjoyed their "Leafs" & "Jays" talk. We will all miss Clare but he will never be forgotten.

Condolences from Donna & Pete.

Donna LeSouder - June 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Clare's passing, he was a very kind & gentle man. Our coundollescense to the entire extended Wagler family. Calvin & Darlene Schmidt & family.

Darlene Schmidt - June 30, 2021 at 04:06 PM

KM

“ I always enjoyed our too infrequent visits to Judy and Clare. Reading his wonderful obituary I'm humbled by all he accomplished in his home life , his work, his church. Clare is the very definition of a pillar of the community. His was a life well lived. RIP Clare.

Ken MacQueen - June 30, 2021 at 01:59 PM

LP

“ I am very sorry to hear of Clare's passing. Although it has been many years since I worked with him at JM Schneider, he was one that stood out from my time there. He was a constant at WMC services and events that I would attend from time to time with my parents. Condolences to the Wagler family, particularly to Sherry, who continues Clare's wonderful legacy of community support in volunteering on a not-for-profit Board with me.

May Clare rest in peace. Lori Payne and family.

Lori Payne - June 30, 2021 at 01:09 PM

MG

“ Judy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry for your loss . Lots of good memories working at Schneider's with Clare



Marilyn and David Gerber

Marilyn Gerber - June 30, 2021 at 08:13 AM

LR

“ Sincere condolences to family, truly blessed to have known Clare, during my time at Schneiders. Our thoughts are with you all. We have a new angel among us. Rest In Peace Clare. Louise Rudland

Louise Rudland - June 30, 2021 at 07:13 AM

SK

“ Sherry, Beth, Tanya, Judy and all family, our love and thoughts are with all of you. My first memories of Clare are as a coach pushing us to do better on the ice, but always fair and forgiving. As a father keeping a close eye to make sure I was staying clear of his little girl, little did he know that we were always just looking out for one another as we still do to this day. In more recent years Clare always had time to chat with me weather it was about sports or life in general but it always came around to my kids and his grandchildren and then to his daughters. A more humble, sweet and kind man I do not ever think I have ever met. There are no words I can offer to make it feel better but we are here for you always, Love Scott, Melissa, Bennett and Weston.

Scott Kelterborn - June 29, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Clare Joseph Wagler.



June 29, 2021 at 09:54 PM

DW

“ I will miss our weekly coffee times, where we discussed many topics of mutual interest; our retirement allowed for such moments. I remember the night the whole Junior hockey team scrambled onto the firetruck and toured the town of New Hamburg after winning the all Ontario Jr C hockey title. The large cement area in the barn on the farm where we grew up provided hours of honing hockey skills which translated into an invitation to join the Jr C Hahns as a player without playing a game of organized hockey in the Minor Hockey System of New Hamburg. But that was Clare, giving anything he tried his very best shot and it usually turned out successful for him. Brenda is very thankful for the time you spent with her figuring out the various issues that confronted her over the years. We are grateful for commitment shown.
We love you
Dale (on behalf of the family)

Dale Wagler - June 29, 2021 at 08:04 PM

CG

“ Dear Sherry, Jonas, Hannah, Jamie and the whole Wagler family, our thoughts, love and prayers are with you. I didn't know Clare really well though we had great fun together at Jamie and Sherry's wedding in NL. He was game for all the Newfies could throw his way. I know Clare best for the wonderful grandfather he was and will always be remembered for. His love, devotion and commitment to fun show in the wonderful people that Hannah and Jonas are and he will always be a big part of their lives. Here for you always, Cath, David, Thomas and Ben.

catherine Gaulton - June 29, 2021 at 07:22 PM

CG

“ *Catherine Gaulton lit a candle in memory of
Clare Joseph Wagler*



catherine Gaulton - June 29, 2021 at 07:11 PM

CF

“ *Christopher Franklin lit a candle in memory of
Clare Joseph Wagler*



Christopher Franklin - June 29, 2021 at 04:39 PM