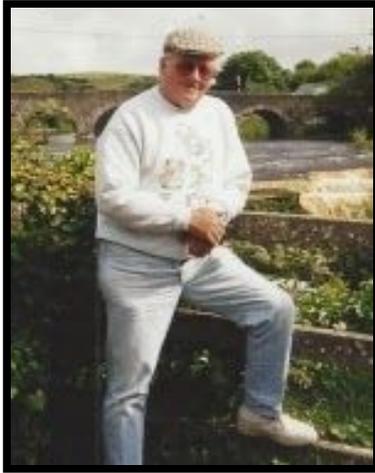




In Memory of
Augustine John (Austin) Heap 1924-2021



Austin Heap passed away peacefully on January 10, 2021. Austin was born in Oldham, Lancashire, England on Nov. 7, 1924, moving with his family to Canada in 1975. Austin is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Bridget, his children, Gerard (Linda), Anthony (Lesley), Michael (Rosanne) and Margaret; his grandchildren, Kathleen, Alison, Sarah, Thomas, Kaitlyn, Alex, Megan, Sean, Sophie and Matthew; his great-grandchildren, Kieran, Theo, Sam, Wyatt, Stella, Josephine and Declan, and his sister Catherine and sisters-in-law Eileen, Sheila and brother-in-law Wilfried. He is predeceased by his brothers Daniel and Francis.

Austin was a tool and die maker by training and worked as a quality control inspector for General Gear in Toronto. He was a proud World War II veteran of the Royal Engineers, an active member of the Legion, and never failed to participate in Remembrance Day services. He was an active long-standing parishioner of St. Paul's in Alliston, and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

Austin was the definition of a kind hearted gentleman throughout his 96 years. He was not defined by a life long-lived but a life well-lived. He was devoted to his wife Bridget and his whole family, always putting others before himself.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with his sons right up to his mid 90s, always with his flask of his favourite scotch, Famous Grouse. He loved to winter in Florida, enjoying the sunshine and activities of his community there, particularly fishing and shuffleboard. Austin was an enthusiastic storyteller and loved to tell of his many life experiences.

Many thanks to all the staff at the Lord Dufferin Centre in Orangeville and the doctors, nurses and PSWs who helped him so much in his final weeks.

He will be sorely missed by all who love him.

A celebration of his life will be held at a future date

May he rest in eternal peace.



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