



## Mr. Robert "Bob" Bernard Durant

May 24, 1945 - August 23, 2018

The greatest radio voice "Here in Durant's World" has been silenced. Our beloved "Bobby D" (small "c" celebrity) left this world on August 23, 2018 at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood following a cancer journey, which he bore with great dignity and his notorious sense of humour.

Left to remember him is his treasured wife and best friend of 51 years, Kathryn (Kate) nee Loudon, adored daughters Keri-Lyn and wife Dr. Shelley Turner of Thunder Bay and Kristi MacMillan and husband Tim of Lakefield, cherished granddaughters Kaitlin and Kali MacMillan, loved sister Joan Chornous and husband Alex and dear brothers-in law Chris Loudon of Toronto and husband Adrian Boudreault and John Loudon of San Francisco. As well as, loved nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and respected colleagues.

Bob had a long and illustrious career in broadcasting for over 55 years. You may have heard him on CFRA in Ottawa, CJAD & CKGM in Montreal, CFTR (680), CKFM CHFI, The Fan, AM740 in Toronto, among others, and most recently, in semi-retirement, CFOS in Owen Sound.

He was often a lone voice for conservative values and shared his opinion openly on Durant's World, a daily commentary.

We would like to thank all of those who offered prayers, love and support and especially his healthcare teams who cared for him as the wonderful man he was. Dr. Mark Quigg, aka St. Mark, with whom we were privileged to have shared this journey, Kim Collins, of St. Elizabeth's, who laughed at all of his stories, the Barrie Urology Team (Kim) and the RVH Oncology and Radiology teams. You have all made his journey more bearable.

Most especially, we thank the amazing angels at Campbell House who allowed us to make his last days a time for hugs, singing, tears, laughing, playing his favourite tunes, toasts and slumber parties.

He would want me to remind all men to get their prostates checked regularly even though the Ontario Medical Association discourages family doctors to order PSAs. Bob's cancer went undiagnosed for 2 years, which has made this journey so much harder.

I loved you yesterday, I love you today and I will love you tomorrow.

Your Kassy Anne xox ½.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday August 29th at 11:00am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 63 Elgin Street in Collingwood, with reception to follow.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Toronto in the fall. If you wish to be notified of the details please contact us at [celebratebobdurant@gmail.com](mailto:celebratebobdurant@gmail.com)

In lieu of flowers a donation to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House Hospice, 240 Erie St, Collingwood, ON L9Y 0X8 705-444-2555 would be appreciated.

# Comments

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“ Dear Kathryn, Daughters, and Family Members, with great sadness my Husband George and myself send our deepest condolences to all of You. We were very fond listeners to Bob on Remember When, and looked forward to his voice and comments every day. A wonderful soul and great loss to our world. The station is not the same without him. He was the rock. We loved hearing his stories and things you both did together. He was very kind and wise. A humanitarian and nature lover combined. God Bless and stay strong. Love Deborah and George Dietsche Guelph On

**Deborah Dietsche** - September 07, 2018 at 07:51 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this news - long term memories from Michael Power and listening to Bob's special sound on the car radio while sitting in traffic -Kathy - Bob had a life well lived

Bob Allan

**bob allan** - September 04, 2018 at 12:35 PM

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“ Fond memories - Fall 1965  
6 guys 2 girls driving to U of T in my father's old 59 Ford wagon.

Always the joker one morning Bob announced that he was going into the U of T radio station, (somewhere in the basement of Hart House), for an interview. We all chuckled...it's just Bob setting us up again. But he was serious this time. This was the debut of an illustrious career that would endure for decades. Can still hear you Bob. Rest In Peace Big Guy.

Tony & Marlene LaVecchia

**Tony LaVecchia** - September 03, 2018 at 04:30 PM

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“ Always a smile and a booming chuckle from Bob. Sincere condolences to his much loved family.

**Patti Elliott** - August 30, 2018 at 09:44 AM

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“ My husband Don and I woke up every morning to Bobs familiar voice on CFOS. We so enjoyed the back and forth banter of Bob and Fred and looked forward to Durante's World. We offer our deep condolences to the family at this sad time. Sincerely, Don and Marlene Bard

**marlene bard** - August 28, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ Always enjoyed working with Bob when I was at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto....and was thrilled to reconnect with him many years later when I moved to Owen Sound. We shared stories and laughter...that is what I will remember....RIP Bob...Janine Fawcett

**Janine Fawcett** - August 28, 2018 at 11:38 AM

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“ I enjoyed listening to Bob's radio voice during the programs he hosted on CFOS. I loved to hear the history of songs, about the many people he interviewed during his career and about his family who he loved so dearly! It's almost like we knew him, though we never met.  
My condolences to Kathryn, their daughters, grandchildren and to the 4 legged friends who will be wondering where he is. What a void in your lives, but what wonderful memories!

**Ruth Davis** - August 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

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“ I truly looked forward to Bob's show each morning on CFOS , Owen Sound. He really connected with his listeners, shared his candid views of the world, his sense of humour and live of family and life shone through every morning g over the airwaves, and made each morning easy to wakeup to.

Thanks, Durant family, for sharing your wonderful human with the world. He was a real gem.

**Pete Miller** - August 28, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ Bob Will be missed in Grey Bruce because of his great voice that everyone listened to in the morning on CFOS

**Jeff Chapman** - August 27, 2018 at 06:31 PM

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“ Kawartha Montessori School purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bernard Durant.



**Kawartha Montessori School** - August 27, 2018 at 03:05 PM

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“ Bob was a great broadcaster and a great friend...He used to joke that I stole his job... Which, technically I did.....I took over the reins of the morning show at 560 CFOS in Owen Sound when Bob retired...We were friends long before that...He and I played golf for at least the last a dozen years...Sharing the good with the bad..Just as you do in life..We even had nicknames for each other...He was Arnie and I was Jack....Well now both Arnie and Bob are gone, and we morn their passing.. He loved his wife Catherine..He once told me he was so lucky to have married his best friend...He loved his daughters..His grandchildren and the various and sundry dogs that he and Cath had in their lives...Bob was a good man and a great friend...and I am going to miss him.  
Hit'em straight my friend !!

Paul Dusty Hill

**Dusty Hill** - August 26, 2018 at 05:23 PM

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“ Delmer, Barb and Isobel are so saddened to hear about Bob. Wonderful neighbour! Bless you all!

**Barbrae Lougheed** - August 26, 2018 at 03:32 PM

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**Barbrae Lougheed** - August 26, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ Bob was such a nice and caring person. I will never forget our chats when he would pop into the Collingwood radio station. He always took a few minutes to ask about my latest adventure and would always joke that someone had backed into a nice new blue car in the lot (my new car LOL). I will really miss your sense of humour, kindness and genuine interest. Rest in peace. And peace and love to the family.  
Love Catherine

**Catherine Thompson** - August 26, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ I am going to miss BoB he was great on the radio it is not the same with out him to his wife  
I am sorry for your lost

**Ronald Fenwick** - August 27, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ I can't believe Bob is gone. He was always so upbeat and full of life. I worked with Bob at a couple of stations - CFRA and CKFM - and we kept in touch a bit when he was in Owen Sound (semi-retired) and I was in Southampton (retired). I have many, great, shared memories with Bob but I feel too much in shock right now to try and share them. Maybe later then this has sunk in.

In the meantime, to Katherine and family, we share your grief and sadness. As I think you know, Bob is going to be deeply missed by everyone who shared even a little bit of his life.

Ken and Pat Cassavoy

**Ken Cassavoy** - August 25, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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“ Bob my good friend  
I will miss you.  
God bless you

**Sal** - August 25, 2018 at 08:56 AM

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“ Bob, you were so loved and admired by so many. I am proud to have known you for 40 years and our family will always consider you, Kathi, the girls and their families as part of our family.

I remember many times over the last 40 years....I remember that beautiful trip we did to England travelling from Cornwall and Devon to the Cotswolds. I remember the time we brought Uncle Ron up to your cottage where I learned to water ski. I remember always having you as the "speaker of honour" at all the special occasions,

the birthdays, the christenings, the anniversaries.... nobody could ever have been our voice other than you. There really was nobody else like you.

I am so sorry that you have suffered over the last few years. You were very brave and I know how much it must have meant to you to have your beautiful family around you, supporting you, loving you. Your friends loved you too. I hope you knew that.

My heart and prayers right now are for Kathi and the girls. I pray that they have peace in their hearts knowing that their beloved Bob/Das/Papa is no longer suffering.

Rest in Peace now my friend. You will always be remembered with love.

Carole & Chelsea Atkins

**Carole Atkins** - August 24, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Kat, I am so very sorry , I loved Bob to pieces and love you . One of the nicest men I have ever met . Felt like we were friends for ever . Sending my love . Please let me know if their is anything I can do . Love you XOXO

**Bree** - August 25, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ Carole Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bernard Durant



**Carole Atkins** - August 24, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ It is hard to put into words what a great impact this man had in my life, especially as a young adult. I remember hearing him on the radio and saying "That's my best friends Dad!" He had such a great voice and a great laugh. I am sorry that I didn't get to see him one last time before he left this world. I hope he knew that I thought the world of him. Rest in peace Mr. D. Until we meet again....Love always, Robin



Robin Griffin - August 24, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ I had the good fortune to work with Bob in Owen Sound. We shared a love for the band Chicago and, being two Torontonians, we had a lot to talk and laugh about. I will miss his wonderful laugh and "Du-rants" on the state of the world. Here's a photo of Bob & Kathryn from a radio Christmas Party.



Enio Mascherin - August 24, 2018 at 04:13 PM

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“ Never had a chance to meet Bob. but always loved to hear his voice on radio - thanks for being there. Dave

David Holroyd - August 24, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ So saddened to learn of the passing of a radio mentor, colleague and dear friend. I invaded Bob's space at CJCL1430 (now the FAN590) in the late 80s/early 90s. He owned it — and deserved to. Bob had a huge impact on my radio/BCJ career. He taught me so much. I watched him create newscasts but deliver conversations with listeners. And was he funny. He always had me in stitches with his cutting wit and unique take on life. One of a kind. My deepest condolences to Bob's beautiful wife Kathryn, loving daughters and extended family. Rest In Peace Bob. And thank you for your kindness and the joy you brought to my life. Xo

Stephanie Smyth - August 25, 2018 at 03:04 PM