

CRC/Hidden Quarry - In Memoriam - Dr. Karl Schiefer

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CRC Remembers KARL SCHIEFER

It is with deep regret that we must share the news that Dr. Karl Schiefer died last fall. This gentle and learned man came to our community, on behalf of CRC, to assess the fish and fish habitat in Brydson Creek in November 2014. As he said at the LPAT Hearing, he came with just his boots, notebook, camera and fishing net and discovered a thriving brook trout population there, worthy of protection. His statement at LPAT last summer was as clear as the sparkling waters of Brydson Creek. Doug Tripp remembers his testimony:

Karl was an articulate and compelling advocate for environmental protection. His summary of the Hidden Quarry proposal, which was particularly apt, was: "There are fragile source waters from ponds and wetlands to the north flowing through the quarry site, and an environmentally sensitive cold water stream and pond providing fish habitat immediately to the south, and they want to blast a 100-foot deep hole and build a heavy industrial operation right in the middle. What could possibly go wrong!"

We were privileged to know Karl Schiefer.

The Star published the obituary below.

KARL LUDWIG SCHIEFER

1944 - 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Karl Schiefer announce his passing after a hard-fought battle with cancer on September 17, 2019. He will be deeply missed by his wife Beverley, children Erik (Amanda) and Kimberley (Greg), and grandchildren Victoria, Morgan, Lucy and Jane. Karl was born in Toronto, on January 27, 1944, to Ludwig and Henrietta Schiefer. He was preceded in death by his brother Jim. Dear Uncle to Jamie (Alexa), Brother-in-Law to Annie (Jim) and Sharon (Brian) Antaya. Karl was a scientist, with degrees from the University of Guelph (BSc) and University of Waterloo (MSc, PhD). He was an assistant professor at the University of Waterloo. Karl spearheaded numerous research projects, primarily in the field of Aquatic Biology. Beyond being a scientist Karl was a successful businessman. He was the Director of numerous corporations in Canada and the US, and served as long-time President of Beak International, recognized as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies (1994). Karl cared deeply about wildlife and the environment, especially around the family home in Caledon, Georgian Bay, and the Great Lakes Region. Karl savored life and loved outdoor activities such as seeking solitude canoeing in Algonquin Park or hiking the Bruce Trail with his Golden. He enjoyed a rich life and was deeply loved by his family and friends. Karl and Beverley traveled extensively and shared strong life values. If

desired, donations to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, Georgian Bay Land Trust or Greenpeace Canada would be appreciated by the family. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring.



 **CRC continues to raise funds to cover the final legal and expert costs of the Hidden Quarry LPAT Hearing.**
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