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'WOULD GIVE THE SHIRT OFF HIS BACK': FRIENDS REMEMBER BRAMPTON MURDER VICTIM DERRICK MCKEOWN

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The day after he discovered his friend had been fatally shot on a Brampton street, a Georgetown resident who goes by the name of Dave Harold changed his Facebook profile picture to a photo of Derrick Mckeown.

No caption. Just the last photo of Mckeown posted of himself to Facebook. And the likes came pouring in.

To his friends, Derrick Mckeown was a man who always had their best interests at heart and who wouldn't think twice about defending them, should the situation arise.

"Derrick and I have boys the same age. We were friends," Harold said. "He was a caring man and a good father. He was well liked among all his friends."

Harold says in their younger

years, if anyone picked on him, Mckeown would be there to defend him.

"If someone said something to me, he would have my back," he said. "He was always there for his friends; that's just who he was."

Georgetown resident Dave Corley remembers Mckeown in a similar light.

"Derrick was a great friend. And a loving person," he said. "Would give the shirt off his back for you."

Benji Fowler currently lives in New Zealand, but the former Georgetown resident met Mckeown through mutual friends.

"Derrick was more like a brother than a friend, because he was always there whenever I needed him, no matter what," Fowler said. "He was so easy going and so easy to just be

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Facebook photo

Georgetown resident Derrick Mckeown, 33, was shot and killed in the area of Townley Crescent and Sunforest Drive in Brampton on Sunday, Sept. 2.

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