

'HE ALWAYS MADE US LAUGH' — REMEMBERING KEITH VATERS

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It's hard to drive around Georgetown and not see an Asbuilt Comfort Care truck somewhere along the way.

There was a time, nearly 30 years ago, when the heating and air conditioning company was just one man and a truck.

Georgetown is mourning the loss of that man.

Keith Vaters, owner of Asbuilt comfort care moved to Ontario in 1987. The native of St. John's, N.L. was a marine engineer, who sought work far from the coast when jobs dried up.

"There was a lot of stuff he was really good at," said his wife Robynne Vaters.

Vaters was a master electrician, had a degree in marine engineering from Memorial University, as

well as countless hands-on skills.

After moving to Georgetown with his two young daughters Christina and Chelsea, he started Asbuilt Comfort Care.

"He made it his mission to know everyone in town," said Christina, remembering how her dad would talk to everyone he could, how his charisma drew people in.

"He really loved the guys who worked for him," she said. "He taught a lot of people a lot of things about the trade."

His daughter Chelsea remembers his ingenuity and cleverness.

Before moving to Georgetown they lived in an apartment in Toronto. One hot summer, Vaters rigged an air conditioning system out of an old fountain by reversing the flow and hooking it up to the

bathroom.

His two daughters spent years working for the family business, and Christina even remembers her dad putting her face on a billboard for an Asbuilt Comfort Care advertisement.

"He took huge pride in his daughters," said Robynne.

Christina now works as a manager at an insurance company and Chelsea is working on a PhD at Western University.

"When it counted, he was warm and soft," said Christina. "We were his princesses."

Vaters and his wife Robynne celebrated their third wedding anniversary in September.

"The smile, he had this big, beautiful smile," she said, remembering the first time she saw him. "He was

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