

# 'HE ALWAYS STEPPED UP': TOWN MOURNS BELOVED VOLUNTEER

**GRAEME GOEBELLE  
PASSES AT AGE OF 88**

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The Georgetown community has lost one of its most beloved members — a dedicated volunteer and a consummate professional with a penchant for dressing up.

Graeme Goebelle, who

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**- Doug Penrice, of Graeme Goebelle**

was Georgetown's 2012 Citizen of the Year, died at the age of 88 on Sunday, Dec. 12,

according to the Jones Funeral Home.

Describing him as "a

man of great integrity," Doug Penrice, of Georgetown Lions Club, said that Goebelle had contributed so much to the town through his volunteer work and fundraising abilities in the past 50 years.

"He always stepped up and was a great community sponsor for every event that was going on in the community," he said.

Penrice said he'll also remember his good friend for his sense of style.

"He was probably the best-dressed man in Georgetown. He was always so dapper. And my memory of Graeme is that whenever he went to an event, he was probably the best-dressed guy in the whole place," he recalled.

It was back in the 1960s when Goebelle moved to Georgetown, where he established his accounting practice.

Throughout his lifetime, Goebelle had an illustrious career in the Cancer Society, YMCA, Chamber of Commerce and United Way,



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as well as Mississauga/Halton Local Health Integrated Network, North Halton Golf Club, Sheridan College Board of Governors, Huron College Alumni Board of Directors, and more. He also served in various capacities at the Georgetown Hospital for 30 years, including working

on the Annual Golf Tournament and Christmas Ball.

For his outstanding community service, Goebelle received a Canada 125 Medal in 1993 and the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2003.

"He'll really be missed because he was such a personable guy," Penrice said.

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**Has COVID had an impact on family law?**

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Absolutely! Not long after the pandemic was declared, various related family law issues were coming before the courts for determination. For instance, parenting time, decision-making issues, e.g. whether a child is to be vaccinated or attend school, and support issues due to impact on work and the payment of CERB. Reflecting back, and as we look ahead, I think there are some positives we can all try and take away from this ongoing issue in our lives, but especially applicable for families going through a rough patch or worse separation: the importance of friends and family; technology is our friend to stay connected and informed; the need to focus on self-care, including ensuring good mental health; getting outside for exercise and fresh air; plan for the future, especially the unknowns; embrace life and make the most of it, even a not so great situation; and let's be thankful for all we have, and know that brighter days are always ahead. We do a lot of family/divorce law, with offices in Georgetown, Brampton and Caledon East. In light of COVID-19, we are doing most everything virtually. So we are happy to have a Zoom meeting or a telephone call without charge to you to see if we can assist you. Have a happy holidays everyone. Be safe and healthy.

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