

Boy from Ballantrae was Wall St., Mideast executive

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according to Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos.

Mr. Sheardown's wife of 20 years, Cindy, whom he met while in Alaska, was back in Dubai with their three children and, due to communication issues, did not hear about her husband's death until later Saturday, Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos said. She lives in Caledon.

"She's still stunned and trying to take care of the kids," she said.

A group of 11 skiers and one instructor were visiting the Selkirk Mountain range, 32 kilometres southeast of Revelstoke, when the tragedy occurred.

Mr. Sheardown was located with a transceiver, but was unresponsive when crews attempted to revive him.

Three others were partially buried in the avalanche, but were rescued.

"They did everything they could, but he was gone," his sister said.

The Sheardown family moved to Ballantrae in 1976 from Toronto.

Mrs. Naccarato and Ron Sheardown, Michelle and Greg's father, are divorced.

to vice-president and general manager of Eastern Canada ready-mix product line for Lafarge in 2005, the family moved into a home in Whitchurch-Stouffville's Woodland of Camelot subdivision, east of Ballantrae and north of Island Lake.

In 2009, he was relocated to Egypt but the family had to leave in early 2011 because of the country's uprising. They relocated to Dubai.

In 1985, Mr. Sheardown went to the University of Alaska to study mining. His father was also in the mining industry and based out of Anchorage. Mr. Sheardown and his sister spent their summers up there.

Mr. Sheardown then received an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1994. He went to work on Wall Street and became the president of Canadian-based Venture Resources before being recruited to Lafarge in 1999.

"He went away to school and became this super executive professional," Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos said.

In information sent to the family from Lafarge, Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos said it noted how her brother inspired people, was a high-energy person, had passion, a drive to achieve and was committed to the safety of his employees.

"His effect on people ... To hear that from the company was really something quite special," Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos said.

Mr. Sheardown was as equally dedicated to his wife and their three sons, Alexander, 15, Ryan, 12, and Tyler, 10.

"Greg was the most wonderful father you could meet. ... No matter where he was, when his kids called, he took it," she said. "If you could crown the perfect father, that would be him."

Along with skiing, Mr. Sheardown was an avid golfer, which is something he shared with his son Ryan and stepfather Larry Naccarato.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S., (Hwy 50) Bolton, tomorrow, from 10 a.m. until funeral service in the chapel at 11 a.m.

Following a reception at the Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen St. South, interment will be in Bolton's Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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FILE PHOTOS COURTESY SHEARDOWN FAMILY

Greg Sheardown died Friday doing one of things he enjoyed the most, skiing in scenic locations. The Ballantrae native was buried by an avalanche while heli-skiing near Revelstoke, B.C. The graduate of St. Mark Catholic School worked on Wall Street and then for Lafarge in the Middle East. His funeral and visitation will be held tomorrow morning in Bolton.

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Mr. Sheardown, whose full name is Ronald Gregory, but he goes by Greg, went to St. Mark Catholic Elementary School in Stouffville and Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Newmarket.

While living in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Mrs. Sheardown-Tanzos said he did "everything country kids do", including skiing and riding motorbikes.

"A very adventurous kid," she said.

Mr. Sheardown also worked at the former Sunny's Gas Bar (now Pioneer) on Hwy. 48 north of Aurora Road for a time, she said.

When Mr. Sheardown was promoted



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