

PEOPLE: Golf great raised family in Stouffville

# Order of Ontario latest honour for Marlene Streit

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Marlene Stewart Streit got her start as a caddy when she was 12 years old and hasn't looked back.

The Unionville resident started out as a caddy at Lookout Point Country Club in Font-hill near Niagara Falls.

She won her first national title in golf at age 17 and went on to become the most successful Canadian amateur female golfer.

Last week, she received the Order of Ontario.

She remains the only female golfer to capture the Canadian, British, Australian and United States Women's Amateur championships, a distinction that earned her a place in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Ms Stewart Streit, 78, received the Order of Ontario Feb. 6 in prestigious company.

Recipients included world-renowned film director Deepa Mehta, lung transplant innovator Dr. Shafique Keshavjee and celebrated actor and tenor, Michael Burgess.

The appointees to Ontario's highest honour were chosen for their contributions to the arts, law, science, medicine, history, politics, philanthropy and the environment.

Ms Stewart Streit spoke about her love of

golf in a phone interview Monday.

"I'm so glad I played golf and it lasted a lifetime. It is a great game. The greatest thing is the people you meet along the way," she said. "It is competitive and teaches you life skills."

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Ms Stewart Streit and her family lived in Whitchurch-Stouffville for 30 years. Her two children attended grade school and high school in Stouffville and the family attended Lemonville United Church on McCowan Road.

Ms Stewart Streit moved to Unionville in 2002.

These days, she golfs three or four times a week at Unionville's York Downs Golf and Country Club, though not as often as she did when she was younger and played every day.

The golfer Ms Stewart Streit admires most these days is Brittany Henderson, a young player from Smiths Falls, Ont.



Celebrated golfer Marlene Stewart Streit was honoured with the Order of Ontario last week.

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