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Moe Buckle had magnetic personality

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The quantity and heartfelt quality of the condolences sent to Maurice "Moe" Buckle's family following his passing May 14, 2015 at 71, are more than tributes; they also serve as poignant characterizations of the beloved Keswick man's life.

Personally and professionally, Moe, as most called him, had a legion of connections, son Chris Buckle said.

"He had a network of people over the span of his life," he recalled. "He had a lot of friends and acquaintances."

Moe had a magnetic personality, his son recalled.

"He had a calming, warm presence," he said. "He was always inviting you in. Congenial, serious, fun, he was all of the above as appropriate for the occasion."

"He was a jokester who enjoyed a good laugh and a good party."

Moe was also a respected professional.

A former police officer, he served on both Metro Toronto and York Regional Police forces. He worked for Dawson's Marina in Keswick for several years and, for the past 22 years, successfully managed and consulted at Traffic Ticket Advocates in Newmarket. Chris continues to work at the company, providing legal services specializing in Highway Traffic Act offences.

As a licenced paralegal with the Upper Canada Law Society and longtime member of the Institute of Agents at Court, he actively defended traffic ticket matters in



Moe Buckle (centre) and his sons, Chris and Brad.

court since 1993. Moe was well known and respected throughout the GTA and surrounding area, for providing professional representation.

He worked until the end, Chris said, adding his father instilled invaluable life lessons.

"He always said if you put the time and effort in, you'll get it back," he said. "He was never a slacker. He worked for everything he had."

Commiserations poured in.

"A great man that in a lot of ways was larger than life and had a big heart to match," wrote Debo-

rah Cherry. "He enjoyed life and helped many in many ways during his life."

"Maurice was a special soul and will be greatly missed," Michael and Katherine Fuchs said.

"He was a true gentleman, always smiling and very professional to the court clerks," Janet Mills offered. "He will be remembered for a very long time."

"He was a sage man with a twinkle in his eye, always ready to lend a helping hand," Trina Wood said. "Moe's enthusiasm for life set a standard for us all."

Jim Oates noted that Moe was

always a gentleman who treated everyone with respect.

"He was well respected by members of the paralegal community, court staff and members of the judiciary," he said. "We will miss seeing him on a daily basis at the courts in York Region."

Joanne and Marty Allain wrote, "Moe's presence was a gift to us all,"

Anne and George England were his next door neighbours and friends on Bob Lake, where they enjoyed meals, drinks and good times together for many years.

"He was always there to lend

a hand and share a laugh," they wrote. "He could walk up that long stairway from the lake carrying a canoe and not be out of breath. We envied his strength."

Daughter-in-law Kelly Buckle said Moe's twin grandchildren, Keira and Carter, 9, were the centre point of his life.

"They called him Papa," she said. "He was always a fun Papa, ready to teach them anything."

Chris and his brother, Brad, will miss their father's presence the most they said haltingly.

"I'm sure a lot of people will agree with us," Chris said.

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