

# Josh Carrick looking for OHL title with Barrie Colts

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Chances are milk doesn't last long once the summer comes along on the Carrick family farm near Stouffville.

Or anything else in the fridge, for that matter.

It's primarily in the summer that the four Carrick boys are back home together, since three of them are in the midst of hockey careers, including the youngest, Josh, a 20-year-old defenceman with the Barrie Colts.

Carrick is aided by experience gleaned from the other three, who also played in the Ontario Hockey League, but is attempting to accomplish something none of the others were able to; namely, win the J. Ross Robertson Cup, presented to the OHL champions.

"I definitely feel like they paved a little bit of a path for me, but once I came into the league I kind of wanted to make a name for myself," says Carrick, a stay-at-home blue-liner who has become a regular in his third season with the Colts.

"It was definitely a bit of a battle my first couple of years, but the competitive aspect of me helped bring my game up a bit."

The family, which founded McAsphalt Industries in Toronto, moved from Stouffville to rural Goodwood in 2008, to

a small farm "out in the boonies, a nice quiet spot," Carrick says.

Carrick was drafted in the seventh round, 142nd overall by the Colts in 2012 and spent the next season with the Stouffville Spirit in Tier 2 before jumping up to the OHL, but played only 68 games over the next two seasons with a perennially strong Barrie team.

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Finally given a regular role this season, Carrick has been mostly part of the team's third D-pairing with Cameron Lizotte, putting up 2-13-15 stats in 63 games with a plus/minus of +28.

Although admittedly not much of an offensive threat, he scored twice and was named first star in a 5-2 playoff win over the North Bay Battalion, helping his team to a five-game quarter-final victory.

"I definitely kind of surprised myself with that too," he jokes of the multi-goal

game. "I was just getting pucks through and on net, and definitely some lucky bounces there as well."

The Colts finished second in the Eastern Conference with a record of 43-22-0-3 and are facing the fourth-place Niagara in the semifinals after the IceDogs' shocking sweep of top-seeded Kingston.

The IceDogs are led offensively by shifty forward Josh Ho-Sang, whose incredible talent is well known to Carrick from having been teammates together in minor hockey.

"I personally definitely know the skill that he has," Carrick says of Ho-Sang, who has 15 points in nine playoff games. "It's definitely scary, but I think if we stick to our game and play steady defence, we should be able to shut him down."

Carrick's oldest brother, Jake, has moved on from hockey and now works at McAsphalt, while the other two are in the American Hockey League, Sam with the Toronto Marlies and Trevor with the Charlotte Checkers. Both saw time in the NHL this season, Sam with the Leafs and Trevor with the Carolina Hurricanes.

Carrick could be back for an overage season in the OHL next year, but for now is focused on the task at hand, and it's a big one. Niagara won the first three games heading into Game 4 last night in St. Catharines.



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Josh Carrick of the Barrie Colts is the fourth and youngest brother in his family to play in the OHL.

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### BROWN, Helen Alice Louisa (nee Law)

Passed away peacefully at Victory Manor in Lindsay on April 20, 2016 in her 88th year.

Helen was the only child of the late William and Sarah Law. She was a beloved wife of Bert Taylor (1981) in his time of need, and then again she showed incredible compassion with Jim (1987) also. She is survived by step-daughters Peggy Bower (the late Bill) and family, Cathy Rynard and her husband Brent and family, cousins Keith and Lousie MacDonald and family, niece Debbie Taylor and family.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff at Victoria Manor, Lindsay for the past two years of Helen's care with their kindness and compassion and for making her passing comfortable.

Family will receive friends at the **O'Neill Funeral Home**, 6324 Main Street, Stouffville (905)642-2855 on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. until chapel service time 11:00 a.m., followed by interment at Stouffville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society, Victoria Manor or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

If so desired, online condolences may be made at [www.oneillfuneralhome.ca](http://www.oneillfuneralhome.ca)

### ATKINS, Bonnie May

Peacefully passed away after a brave battle, surrounded by her family at home on April 26th, 2016, a week after having celebrated her 52nd birthday. Devoted wife of Beatrice Volino. Loving mother of Samuel Atkins and Cheyenne Volino (Douglas). Proud grandmother of Lilyanna and Jaiden. Beloved sister of Thomas and James (Andrew). Adoring aunt of Joseph, Trevor, Megan, Madeleine and Kaitlyn. Deeply missed by her in-laws, Monika and Mario, Petra (Jason and Elle) and Mark (Julie, Leah and Erin). Predeceased by her parents, Roy and Helen and her sister, Jayme. Survived by her brother-in-law, Ralph. Also lovingly remembered by her many close relatives, friends, colleagues, community and church members. Bonnie was an inspiration to others through her compassion, generosity, kindness, optimism and determination, she was a light and inspiration for all she met. Friends will be received at **Dixon-Garland Funeral Home**, 166 Main St. North (Markham Rd.) Markham on Thursday, April 28th from 6-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Friday, April 29th at St. Andrew's United Church, 32 Main St. N., Markham L3P 1X5, at 2 p.m. Reception will follow at St. Andrew's United Church. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Markham-Stouffville Hospital or SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World).



### DA SILVA, Rosa

After a long, courageous battle with lung cancer, Rosa passed away peacefully at home on April 19th, 2016 at the age of 77.

Cherished mother of Frank, Joe, Marty, Manuel, Rosa and Basilio. Loving grandmother of Christine and Austin.

Friends were received at Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, 166 Main St. North (Markham Rd.) Markham on Monday, April 25th from 6-9 p.m. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday at St. Patrick's Parish, 5633 Hwy 7, Markham at 10 a.m. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.



### Celebration of Life

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**BENSON, William J. (Bill)**- In loving memory of our father, grandfather and great grandfather who passed away May 1, 2000.

He had a loving nature  
And a heart as pure as gold  
He always had a smiling face  
And a story to be told  
A wonderful sense of humour  
And a twinkle in his eyes  
And a helping hand in time of need  
On that you could rely  
**Loved and missed every day**  
June & Bill and family, Enid and Mark



**STONE, Bernadette**  
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In loving memory of a wonderful wife, mother, Nana and friend who passed away six years ago.

Your big smile and laughter  
will live on in our hearts forever.  
**Love Susan, Frank, Christopher & Robert.**

**CRAIG, Bert**  
May 1, 2015

In loving memory of our husband and father Bert Craig who passed away May 1, 2015.

We think of you every day and you are always close to our hearts.  
Love your wife Maggie all your girls, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**RAIG, Bert**  
May 1, 2015

As time unfolds another year,  
Memories keep you ever near,  
Silent thoughts of times together,  
Hold memories that will last forever.

Your loving wife, Marg