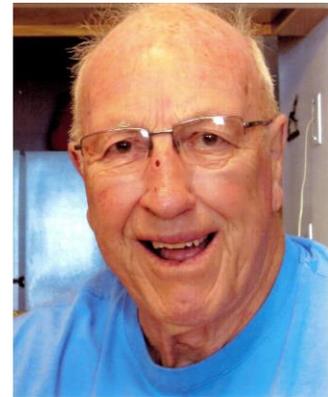


Media Release

Robert Wark's Legacy of Better Heart Care

June 23, 2021 - Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation has received a cheque for \$165,315.00 from the Estate of Robert J. Wark. He was a faithful, generous supporter of new medical equipment and improvements at the hospital, donating for 24 consecutive years.

"He loved life! He was an honest, gentle man who always had a smile," said his friend and Estate Trustee, Eileen Saker. "He loved hockey, lacrosse and fastball. He was a passionate Boston Bruins fan."



Mr. Wark was born in Kilsyth and lived in Owen Sound. He worked his entire career for NM Patterson, on lake freighters hauling grain and iron ore. Starting as a Deck Hand in 1952, he moved up the ranks, retiring as Mate in 1998 after suffering a heart attack while sailing down Lake Huron. Mrs. Saker recalls that he would often be away from home from March through December – the entire shipping season on the Great Lakes.

After having a stroke in 2018, Mr. Wark updated his will to include a gift for the hospital.

The Owen Sound Regional Hospital had been at the centre of medical care for his late wife, Geraldine, son John and himself over the years. He believed the good care and quick response from the doctors and nursing staff gave him quality of life. Mr. Wark's gift is designated for heart care and will help purchase Electrocardiograph machines which record and measure the electrical activity of the heart. 7 ECG units are currently in need of replacement across the hospital.

"Bob made everyone he met feel like they mattered," said Eileen. "I think his legacy of better heart care at the hospital suits who he was perfectly. Every patient deserves great care like Bob and his family received."

More information on leaving a legacy gift in your Will for Owen Sound Regional Hospital is available at www.oshfoundation.ca or by contacting the Foundation at 519-372-3925.

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