

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, DEAR BROTHERS!
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROY & WAYNE BRESCH
(AUGUST 13/1944 - JULY 24/2022 & MAY 4/1952 - JULY 24/2022



ROY & WAYNE BRESCH WERE LOVINGLY WELCOMED INTO THE WORLD BY THEIR MOM BEATRICE & THEIR FATHER OSCAR BRESCH. THEY WERE THE ONLY CHILDREN THAT OSCAR AND BEATRICE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE. ROY WAS BORN ON AUGUST 13, 1944 & HIS LITTLE BROTHER WAYNE, WAS BORN 6.5 YEARS LATER, ON MAY 4, 1952. ROY & WAYNE REMAINED VERY CLOSE FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES, & THEY SHARED A HOME TOGETHER MOST OF THEIR ADULT LIVES.

ROY & WAYNE WERE RAISED IN B.C., & THEY LIVED IN THE GREATER VANCOUVER, AREA, THROUGHOUT THEIR WHOLE LIVES. THE TWO BROTHERS EVENTUALLY SETTLED IN THE COQUITLAM AREA, & THEY BOTH PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY & IN LOCAL CHURCHES, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR LATER YEARS.

ROY & WAYNE'S DAD WORKED AT FLETCHER'S FINE FOODS IN SOUTH VANCOUVER, B.C. AND OSCAR ROSE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT & AS A PLANT SUPERVISOR AT FLETCHER'S MEATS. EVENTUALLY OSCAR WAS JOINED BY BOTH OF HIS SON'S! HE WAS VERY PROUD TO HAVE BOTH OF THEM FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS, & THAT THEY BOTH BECAME EMPLOYEES THERE TOO!

WAYNE & ROY WERE RAISED IN A RELATIVELY HAPPY HOME, WHERE A LOVE OF MUSIC, MOVIES, GREAT FOOD, BOWLING & OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WERE PURSUED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF GUSTO! FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS COULD OFTEN BE FOUND SOCIALIZING WITH THE BRESCH FAMILY!

THERE WAS ALSO A TREMENDOUS LOVE OF ANIMALS THAT WAS SHARED BY THE WHOLE FAMILY! IN FACT, THERE WERE PICTURES OF CATS, DOGS & PHOTOS OF THEIR PRECIOUS FORMER PETS! THESE PICTURES FOLLOWED WAYNE & ROY, WHEREVER THEY SET UP THEIR HOUSE!

THEIR HOME NEVER SEEMED TO FEEL REALLY COMPLETE WITHOUT A PET IN IT, & I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY HILARIOUS THAT THEY NAMED ONE OF THEIR CATS "OSCAR" AFTER THEIR DAD'S FIRST NAME! I HAVE A FEELING THAT THEIR DAD, WOULD HAVE FOUND IT RATHER AMUSING, TOO!

WAYNE WAS A VERY ACCOMPLISHED BOWLER, AS WELL AS AN EXCELLENT SAXOPHONIST & PUBLIC SPEAKER TOO! WAYNE HAD A LOVELY TENOR VOICE, & HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT CHURCH'S WORSHIP TEAMS & CHOIRS, THROUGHOUT HIS ADULT YEARS.

ROY WAS MORE COMFORTABLE NOT BEING IN THE "LIMELIGHT" & HE ENJOYED SPENDING HIS TIME PATIENTLY BUILDING & PAINTING MODEL AIRPLANES, & AN ASSORTMENT OF VARIOUS "CREATURES" FROM HIS FAVOURITE MOVIES!

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING 3 DIFFERENT CHURCHES WITH WAYNE THROUGHOUT THE 30+ YEARS THAT WE WERE FRIENDS. I SANG WITH WAYNE IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WORSHIP TEAMS & CHOIRS, THROUGHOUT THE MANY YEARS THAT I KNEW HIM.

I AM REALLY GOING TO MISS HEARING HIS VOICE SOARING BESIDE MINE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! WE LOVED SINGING HYMNS, CHORUSES, OR HIS FAVOURITE CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CAROLS TOGETHER, & BOY COULD HE PLAY A "MEAN" SAX!

WAYNE & ROY BOTH BECAME CHRISTIANS AS YOUNG ADULTS, & WERE BAPTIZED IN THE M.B. CHURCH. ROY WAS THE QUIETER, AND MORE RESERVED ONE OF THE TWO BROTHERS. WAYNE WAS FAR MORE COMFORTABLE SHARING ABOUT HIS FAITH JOURNEY, THAN ROY WAS. BUT, THAT BROTHERLY BOND WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE FAITH THAT THEY SHARED & IT WAS THEIR PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS, THAT SUSTAINED THEM, THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES.

IT WAS HARD ON BOTH OF THEM, AFTER THEIR DAD PASSED AWAY FROM HEART DISEASE, & I KNOW THAT IT WAS THEIR PERSONAL FAITH THAT HELPED ENCOURAGE BOTH OF THEM, AS THEY STRUGGLED TO HELP THEIR MOM IN HER LATER YEARS, WITH THE SERIOUS CHALLENGES THAT SHE FACED. WAYNE WAS HER PRIMARY CAREGIVER, & IT WAS NOT EASY FOR HIM, BUT HE DID IT OUT OF LOVE!

SO, WHEN WAYNE BECAME ROY'S FULL TIME CAREGIVER, (AFTER ROY WAS DIAGNOSED WITH DEMENTIA), I KNEW THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM, BUT I ALSO KNEW THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING THAT HE COULD TO MAKE SURE THAT ROY WAS PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF! INDEED, HE DID! I HOPE THAT WAYNE KNEW HOW PROUD I WAS OF HIM! HE WAS SO DEDICATED TO HIS FAITH, & ALSO TO HIS FAMILY! WAYNE & ROY'S PASSING WAS UNEXPECTED AND TRAGIC! IT IS A REMINDER TO ALL OF US, THAT IT IS EASY TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND US!

IT IS SO COMMON FOR ALL OF US TO BECOME CONSUMED BY THE DEMANDS OF OUR OWN PERSONAL LIVES, & IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO LOSE SIGHT OF THOSE WITHIN OUR OWN NEIGHBOURHOODS, CHURCHES, APARTMENT BLOCKS OR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, THAT ARE VULNERABLE & MAY NEED A LITTLE EXTRA SCRUTINY; TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE DOING OK!

ONE THING I DO KNOW, WAYNE & ROY WOULD NOT WANT US TO FEEL GUILTY FOR THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE PASSED AWAY! I THINK THOUGH THAT THEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT THEIR UNTIMELY DEATHS SERVED AS A CATALYST FOR A BROADER DISCUSSION WITHIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES, OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS, AS WELL AS WITHIN OUR OWN FAMILIES, ABOUT HOW WE CAN BETTER IDENTIFY & CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE MORE VULNERABLE WITHIN OUR MIDST.

TO OPT TO CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL - OUT OF SOMETHING TRULY PAINFUL, IS A FITTING TESTAMENT TO THE LIVES THAT WAYNE & ROY TRIED TO LIVE. THEY LIVED OUT GOD'S LOVE, IN ACTION; TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER!

I KNOW THAT WAYNE & ROY WERE RAISED TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT! THEY WERE TAUGHT THAT YOU DO NOT IMPOSE UPON OTHERS & THAT YOU WERE NOT TO BUY SOMETHING IF YOU COULDN'T AFFORD IT! WAYNE AND ROY, WERE MEN OF QUITE HUMBLE MEANS, BUT THEY HAD HEARTS THAT WERE HUGE & SMILES THAT COULD BRIGHTEN EVEN THE DREARIEST OF DAYS!

SO, AS WE REMEMBER WAYNE & ROY TODAY, I PRAY THAT IT WILL BE WITH HEARTS THAT ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE SMILES THAT THEY BROUGHT TO EACH ONE OF OUR FACES! ESPECIALLY WHEN WE THINK OF ROY SAUNTERING DOWN THE BLOCK IN HIS PJ'S, "JUST BECAUSE;" OR WHEN WE THINK OF WAYNE & HIS RATHER "OLD SOUL" OUTLOOK, AS HE LAMENTED THE FACT THAT WEREN'T SINGING MORE OF THE OLDER HYMNS, REGULARLY AT CHURCH!

WAYNE & ROY & TOUCHED MANY LIVES IN THEIR 70+ YEARS! THESE TWO MEN LIVED OUT IN A VERY HUMBLE FASHION, THEIR LOVE OF GOD, FAMILY, & THEIR FELLOW MAN. I HOPE THAT THEIR LIVES & THIS BRIEF GLIMPSE INTO WHO WAYNE AND ROY WERE, ACTS AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION, COMFORT, AND BLESSING, TO ALL OF US.

THANK-YOU FOR HONOURING ROY & WAYNE'S MEMORY, & FOR JOINING US AS WE REMINISCE & CELEBRATE, THE LIVES OF WAYNE & ROY! MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AS YOU GRIEVE, AND MAY HE REPLACE YOUR GRIEF, WITH JOY AT KNOWING THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER STRUGGLING WITH ANYTHING! THEY'VE FLED THEIR MORTAL HOMES, & THEY ARE NOW ENJOYING AN ETERNAL EXISTENCE THAT PALES IN COMPARISON WITH ANYTHING THAT ONE COULD EVEN TRY TO COMPETE WITH, ON PLANET EARTH! THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE WON, THAT CONTEST! HALLELUJAH!

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 MSG. BIBLE

13 AND REGARDING THE QUESTION, FRIENDS, THAT HAS COME UP ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE ALREADY DEAD AND BURIED, WE DON'T WANT YOU IN THE DARK ANY LONGER. FIRST OFF, YOU MUST NOT CARRY ON OVER THEM LIKE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, AS IF THE GRAVE WERE THE LAST WORD.

14 SINCE JESUS DIED AND BROKE LOOSE FROM THE GRAVE, GOD WILL MOST CERTAINLY BRING BACK TO LIFE THOSE WHO DIED IN JESUS.

15 AND THEN THIS: WE CAN TELL YOU WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE - WE HAVE THE MASTER'S (JESUS') WORD ON IT - THAT WHEN THE MASTER COMES AGAIN TO GET US, THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL ALIVE WILL NOT GET A JUMP ON THE DEAD AND LEAVE THEM BEHIND. IN ACTUAL FACT, THEY'LL BE AHEAD OF US.

16 THE MASTER HIMSELF WILL GIVE THE COMMAND. ARCHANGEL THUNDER! GOD'S TRUMPET BLAST! HE'LL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE - THEY'LL GO FIRST.

17 THEN THE REST OF US WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AT THE TIME WILL BE CAUGHT UP WITH THEM INTO THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE MASTER.

18 OH, WE'LL BE WALKING ON AIR! AND THEN THERE WILL BE ONE HUGE FAMILY REUNION WITH THE MASTER. SO REASSURE ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.