



Maurice "Moe" Joseph L'abbe

August 12, 1947 - January 13, 2024

Maurice Joseph L'abbe, affectionately known as "Moe" and "Papa Moe", passed away on January 13, 2024, at the age of 76 in Frisco, Texas. Born on August 12th, 1947, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Moe was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all.

Moe was an outgoing, kind-hearted individual who had a great sense of humor. He was known for his fun-loving nature and his remarkable work ethic. Moe had a successful career as a hockey player, retiring with the Dallas Blackhaws, and later became the proud owner of a dry-cleaning business. He excelled in both professions, demonstrating his dedication and determination.

In his free time, Moe enjoyed a variety of hobbies. He had a passion for hockey as a player, a fan, and most of all, a coach. Throughout coaching, Moe's players gained a tremendous respect for him as well as the game and learned skills they carry to this day. He also loved cooking, gardening to the point of obsession and spending quality time with his family. Moe found relaxation in solving sudoku puzzles every morning and enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He had a knack for entertaining guests and always made sure everyone felt welcome, included and well-fed.

Moe will be deeply missed by his surviving family members, including his wife

of 52 years, Elizabeth, affectionately known as Betty, their daughter Michelle and her children Tyler and Sarah, daughter Kimberly and her husband Dave and their children Carter and Ava, and their son Kevin and his wife Robin and their daughter Melia. Moe will also be deeply missed by his sisters in Canada, Madeline, Colette and husband Jean-Pierre, Ginette, and Danielle and husband Michele and all of their children. Moe was preceded in death by his father Horace and his mother Elisabeth.

The details of Moe's memorial service will be posted to the online obituary's website. We invite anyone who would like to join us as we attend his celebration of life and say goodbye to this legend of a man.

Maurice Joseph L'abbe, or Moe as he was known, leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and hard work. His warm personality and zest for life will be cherished by all who knew him. As we mourn his loss, let us also celebrate the beautiful memories he has left behind.

A memorial service is pending at this time, and will be announced when scheduled.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
7000 Morning Dtar Drive
The Colony, TX 75056

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Just saw this post today almost a year after Moe’s passing. So surprising & so sorry to hear. I was a resident of Southlake Tx. where Moe’s dry cleaning business was located. Used to stop in to visit to talk about hockey or current events or drop off my dry cleaning. Loved going in and chatting with him! There was a great hockey picture of him on the back wall with the Blackhawks crest on his chest. I have been retired over a year & a half & have since moved away from Tx. Definitely miss the visits & now cherish even more the quality time we had. God bless you Moe. Condolences to Moe’s family, friends & acquaintances. May the peace & comfort of Christ cover you all, now & forever. Amen. Sincerely, Al Secord
P.S. And yes Randy, your name came up a lot. Hope you’re doing well.

Alan Secord - January 10, 2025 at 06:03 AM

RH

“ I played with Moe in Dallas and Chicago. good hockey player, great skater, great person. I just seen this. So sad for everyone who knew Moe and especially his family.

Randy Holt - October 18, 2024 at 04:23 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Moe's passing...When he played Jr. in St. Catharines, Moe, along with Bob Sicinski,Larry Gibbons, Ron Anderson, John Nickerson and others would stop and play a little road hockey with us when the practice at the GCA was over. I had the pleasure of attending the VIC TEAL Summer Hockey School where he was an instructor. I was the stickboy for Dallas Blawkhawks and the Greensborough Generals when there Training Camps were in St. Catharines and he looked after me...Lots of great memories for sure...My Prayers are with the Entire L'abbe Family at this time. The prayer has been said. God Bless

Bobby McLaren - February 21, 2024 at 08:07 AM

YF

“ Our hearts were broken when we heard about our dear friend MO's passing. We met at the pool and became fast friends and nick Ames Betty and Mo, MOBETTY. So many fun times. Countless laughs! What a character! Everyone that knows these two love birds absolutely adores them. RIP our sweet Mo. Until we meet again. Manny & Yvonne

Yvonne Fernandez - February 16, 2024 at 11:27 AM

SK

“ We were shocked and so sad to hear of Moe's passing! We have been using Duncan's Cleaners since we moved to Southlake many years ago. Moe was always so kind and always had a smile on his face to greet us whenever we came in. Prayers to the entire L'abbe family. He will be missed! The Mason Family

SKM - February 15, 2024 at 09:44 AM

KF

“ We miss our dear friend & neighbor.

In sharing the news of his passing, the most frequent comment we hear: “everyone loves Moe”.

To say he was kind is an understatement. When anyone in the neighborhood needed help, Moe was always there. And not begrudgingly- eager to help.

He was a uniter. No matter what bickering or small worries life brought, Moe was always optimistic & seeing beyond.

His presence in his yard was a comfort & inspiration for our neighborhood.

Texans often use landmarks in giving directions. Moe & Betty’s yard is and will always be our landmark.

Moe & I shared a passion for gardening & home improvement “projects”.

When I back out of the driveway I still look to see what Moe might be out working on now.

Famous in our neighborhood for Bingo wins. And bringing his picnic basket of “real” silverware & China for the meal! We bought extra bowls & utensils for our home to host him- no paper plates for Moe! In remembering this amazing man , we cherish the fun, the laughter, so many successes, his culinary skills, & that he loved making Betty happy.

We rejoice in his life, his accomplishments, & his friendship.

I always told him “God loves you”. Knowing brings comfort.

Karen & Norbert Fox

karen Fox - February 09, 2024 at 08:17 PM

SS

“ *Nos plus sincères condoléances à Danielle ainsi qu'à toute la famille*

Huguette et Serge Schiller

Serge Schiller - February 03, 2024 at 11:22 AM

ML

“ *Toutes mes sympathies à sa famille québécoise and sincere condolences to his american family, from his cousin Micheline L'Abbé!*

Micheline L'Abbé - January 27, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MJ

“ *Mes plus sincères condoléances Danielle, et à toute la famille 🙏*

Marcel Jean - January 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM

VS

“ *I was very sorry to hear the sad news Michelle. Your dad was only a few years younger than mine and I can't imagine the pain you're feeling right now. Please know that he will be my thoughts and prayers as you and your family get through this tough phase.*



Vito Sgotto - January 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SF

“ I was shocked when Nan told me of Moe’s sudden passing. Betty, you and Moe were so welcoming to me when we first met. Moe took so much pride in his garden and took so much joy out of that fact that he could revive plants that were on their last legs. Always willing to share seeds, plants or bulbs, and always watched out for his neighbor, Nan.

Condolences and deepest sympathies to you Betty and your family. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. May God grant you peace and strength in this time of sadness.

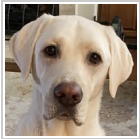
Shelly Fiorotto

Shelly Fiorotto - January 22, 2024 at 10:33 PM

BH

“ Cherish the good memories. Moe was a great guy. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Billy Hunt - January 18, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ We moved to Southlake in 2009. Duncan Cleaners has been on my regular list of morning stops throughout the years. Once I found his place, Moe greeted me with kindness, lovely chats, and made me feel like part of the family. I saw the kindness with which he treated his employees, as it came back 10 fold in the great customer service he and everyone who worked for him strived for in every interaction. I will miss the chance encounters when our schedules would overlap and I could thank him for making life easier for his customers. He will be missed. My heart and sympathies go out to everyone on his team, and, of course, the L'abbe family. Moe was a treasure and will be missed. Rachel Koh

Rachel Koh - January 18, 2024 at 12:27 PM

RA

“ I played hockey in the Junior division for the Dallas Jr Hockey Association from 1973 to 1976 (Dick Manke was our coach) . We practiced at the Fair Park Coliseum . I was a regular rink rat there , skating both 4 hr sessions each Saturday and Sunday , attending every Blackhawk game I could , and of course our practices . I remember Moe coming to our practices from time to time , often with another Bkackhawk player or two . We were so honored to have these guys we spent so much time cheering for being so willing to generously share there time and talents to help us learn the game of hockey and improve at it . I gained my life long love of ice hockey during that’s time , and continued to play until @ 3 years ago when knee problems forced me to hang up my skates . Moe helped to give me that love of hockey that has provided all of that joy in my life .

Robert Anderson - January 18, 2024 at 12:32 AM

JC

Robert, Moe was one of my first coaches, I grew up playing in Dallas, coached Bishop Lynch High School and managed Players Bench in Richardson from '99-09 as well as reffing all over Dallas. Small hockey world and Moe played a big role for so many.

Jason Crown - January 19, 2024 at 08:41 PM

RW

"Dallas Blackhawks CHL 1967-1982" is on Facebook. Many fans and former players. RIP Moe

Ron Wilkins - August 04, 2024 at 12:14 PM

GS

“ As a teammate in St Catharines, Moe will always be remembered for being a fine person and a true gentleman ! Rest in a peace Moe ..

glenn sherwood - January 17, 2024 at 09:27 AM

GH

“ Condolences to Betty and the family from all his hockey brothers in St. Catharines.

George Hulme

George Hulme - January 17, 2024 at 08:24 AM

BS

“ Moe and I played together in St. Catharines , Greensboro and lived together our first year in Dallas . Moe and I were called up from Greensboro for a weekend in Dallas . We both scored and made Dallas the next year .A great hockey player and better person .
Condolences to Betty and family .

Bob Sicinski

Bob Sicinski - January 16, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DW

Condolences to the Labbe family. Many memories of Moe as a teammate but also a friend and wonderful person.

Duane Wylie - January 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JA

Remembering Moe as a friend and neighbor in Texas. Moe was a great host, loved cooking for groups of friends. His love for gardening was unequaled, and his fish pond was so soothing and relaxing. Our condolences to the L'Abbe family. May you find peace in talking together about the wonderful times you had with him.

Lou and Joann Albert

Joann Albert - January 17, 2024 at 11:00 PM

NV

We knew Moe as a hockey coach and neighbor, and also a business owner here in the Richardson/Plano area. He was a great guy and will be missed by many! Our prayers are with his entire family!

Neil and Sherry vanHooydonk - February 27, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“Wow, this hurts. I knew Moe from when my folks and I moved to Dallas from OKC in 1971 in the middle of my sophomore year of high school. He basically helped start kids' hockey here from the ground up coaching and scrounging up gear for us as the original Dallas Junior Hockey Association was formed. Whenever the Blackhawks were at home on weekends, Moe would be on the ice at Fair Park Coliseum helping kids learn to play. He stayed in Dallas after retiring from hockey and was a successful business owner for decades. What a great guy....condolences to his family.

Scott Noris - January 16, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“Betty and family, I'm sad to hear of Moe's sudden passing. How quickly things happened! Moe was a very nice man, a good man! He always took the time to greet me and ask how I was doing. I loved how he shared his gardening with me. Always sharing seeds, or a bulb, maybe a full plant that he rescued from the Lowe's pre-dead rack. We shared the challenge to bring those silly plants back to life. Moe was a good gardener and very proud of his yard. I enjoyed our conversations, for the most part! LOL. He liked to push my buttons, always with a smile on his face. He will be missed on Hickory Creek Dr. Betty, I pray that your 52 years of memories will be a comfort to you in the coming months as you grieve Moe's passing. I'm sorry!
Karen McGuffin

Karen McGuffin - January 16, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LM

“ First I want to sing condolences to the family. You are in my prayers. I have known and worked for him for 25 years. Ever since I was 20 years old. Moe was like a father to me. Moe was a great man. I have watched him take care of every single person in the cleaners as if it was his own his family.He was fair and his kindness was truly unmatched. He went above and beyond for employees. I know he done the same for his own family also. Moe will truly be missed and he is gone way too soon. R.I.H. Good bye old friend, Lee.

Lee Manning - January 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM

RW

“ Moe's unassisted 1st period goal sparked Black Hawk goals by Dean Blais and Ian McKegney to lead the Hawks past the OKC Blazers 3-2 at the Myriad to capture their 3rd Adams Cup Championship.



Ron Wilkins - January 16, 2024 at 03:23 PM

RW

DALLAS BLACKHAWKS: Randy Holt (4) - Roger Wilson (5) - Ian McKegney (6) - Dean Blais (7) - Walt Ledingham (9) - Tom Peluso (10) - Dan Hinton (11) - Duane Wylie (14) - Terry Smith (15) - Chuck Ness (17) - Moe L'Abbe (20) & Michel Dumas (30).
OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS: Joe Lundrigan (2) - Ron Clarke (3) - Claire Alexander (4) - Bob Sykes (11) - John Gray (14) - Randy Osburn (16) - Pat Boutette (17) - Les Burgess (19) - Jim Boyd? (20) & Gord McRae (31).
ICE OFFICIALS: Peter Moffat (14), the linesmen are Randy Shantz (41) and Randy Mitton. (Thanks for the officials ID's Scott)

Ron Wilkins - January 16, 2024 at 08:32 PM

RW

In a game played at the Myriad on April 24, 1974 an unassisted goal in the 1st period by Moe L'Abbe (20), a 2nd period goal by Dan Hinton (11) with an assist to Dean Blais (7) and an unassisted game winning goal by Ian McKegney (6) propelled the Blackhawks by the OKC Blazers 3-2 to win their third CHL championship.

Ron Wilkins - January 16, 2024 at 08:33 PM

MJ

Thank you for this!!! I appreciate this video so much! My dad was the best.

Kindly, Michelle (his oldest)

michelle jensen - January 20, 2024 at 03:29 PM

RW

Michelle ... the above video is just one of several videos I have of your dad playing for the Dallas Black Hawks as #18 and later as #20. In case you haven't seen them they are all on our Facebook page "Dallas Blackhawks CHL 1967-1982".

Ron Wilkins - August 04, 2024 at 12:39 PM

DS

“ I feel like I lost a brother. Moe and I played hockey against each other - he played for the Dallas Black Hawks and I played for Kansas City Blues and Ft Worth Wings. Although we did not meet up again until our boys played at a common rink in Plano called Slapshot in later years. Here we started a lifetime friendship. We helped bring the Slapshot All Stars to a National rating, by taking them to National tournaments for many years. We taught the boys not only hockey skills , we pushed/stressed directions for life. How fulfilling to both of us. I know myself and each one of our Slapshot family was fortunate to be a part of Moe L'abbe's life and friendship. You will be missed my friend. God Bless your wife (Betty) your children, grand children and family.
I hope to meet up with you again in the Big Rink in the sky and fulfill our relationship forever
Dave Smith and my family Kay (wife) and sons Derek and Jeremy

Dave Smith - January 16, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RM

I was fortunate enough to see Moe play for the Dallas Black Hawks many times. Met his family at the opening of the Texas Hockey History Center in Farmers Branch a few years back. I regret not telling his son that day what a great player his dad was, so I'm telling all his children and grandchildren that now.
Please accept my condolences. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Randy Morris

randy morris - January 16, 2024 at 12:47 PM

NO

I am Betty's and Moe's next door neighbor. I have truly lost a great friend. Moe has fed me so many meals and fixed so many things for me, but he and Betty are wonderful neighbors and friends. Moe, you will be missed by soooo many. A kind man, with a gentle soul. Moe, your sense of humor made me laugh a lot and I will so miss our visits around the roaring fire on your patio. All of your family are in my prayers with Betty at the fore. Rest in peace my friend.
Nan O'Loughlin

Nan O'Loughlin - January 16, 2024 at 01:16 PM

RW

On behalf of the Dallas Blackhawks CHL 1967-1982 Facebook group page, our members are greatly saddened to hear that Moe has passed. We offer our heart felt condolences to his family and friends. He was a great player, teammate and mentor to so many young men in teaching them about the game that he love so much. Rest in Peace, you will be missed.

Ron Wilkins - January 16, 2024 at 02:40 PM

ST

I hate hearing this very sad news. Moe and Betty were so kind to me when I became the youngest girl and wife on the Dallas Blackhawks team. I was married to Gary Donaldson at the time. Later in life I had the privilege of seeing Moe and Betty again in Frisco watching my step son play hockey. My daughter Carly took care of Moe in physical therapy in Frisco. My heart is breaking for this wonderful family and man. He touched my life at a young age and I will never forget that kindness. Please let me know when the service will be. Prayers and love to you Betty and your sweet family. Sandy McClendon Thomas (Donaldson)

Sandy McClendon Thomas - January 16, 2024 at 09:29 PM

CT

The world was a better place because of "Daddy Moe" The Tyson family is heartbroken for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. He was an amazing and accomplished man. We will never forget him and the wonderful memories we had with him and the L'abbe family. Love to each of you from the Tyson family

Candy Tyson - January 17, 2024 at 10:16 AM

JB

I was fortunate enough to play for Coach at Slapshot for many years. In college, I would see him at the rinks regularly as his son and I played in the same conference. He always had a smile on his face and would offer coaching tips after watching me play. He genuinely cared about all of us and we him. When our paths crossed through life, we always had great conversations. I had many coaches in life, but he is one of two that will always be Coach. My condolences to the entire family.

Jason Burger - January 18, 2024 at 09:26 PM

MR

I am very sad to hear of Moe's passing. I had the privilege of playing hockey for Moe for many seasons on the Aeros and Slapshot All-Stars. Moe was a great coach who lovingly taught us the game and selflessly gave us hours of his time. That time sharing extended beyond the rink from team parties and sleepovers at his home to visiting with him when I'd ride my bike to his dry cleaners in Richardson. I'll forever be grateful for the opportunity I had to play hockey and learn from him. My condolences to his family

Matt Rau - January 19, 2024 at 11:16 PM

GL

*Toutes nos sincères condoléances à toute la famille.
Francine et Gerald L'Abbe*

Gerald L'Abbe - January 27, 2024 at 10:40 AM

SR

I have worked with Moe for almost 30 years. He would come by every month and always shared a great story. He will be missed greatly. I am so sorry for Betty and all your family. All will be in my thoughts and prayers. Hopefully you can find peace through this hard time.

Shannon Rains - February 01, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JL

Mes plus sincères condoléances à la famille de Maurice et à ses soeurs.

Jacques L'Abbé (son cousin)

Jacques L'Abbé - February 03, 2024 at 11:34 AM



*Mes plus sincères condoléances à toute la famille de Maurice.
Particulièrement à sa soeur Colette, ma yaya adorée.*

Martine Germain

Germain Martine - February 12, 2024 at 10:31 AM



*Sorry to learn Moe's passing. He was a good friend, coach and mentor.
- Andy Carstarphen*

Andrew Carstarphen - June 01, 2024 at 12:06 AM