



MICHAEL FRANCIS O'SHEA
August 23, 1947 – December 9, 2022

Michael was born in Toronto on August 23, 1947 to parents Eva and Jeremiah O'Shea. He was the youngest of four children, and is predeceased by Brian and Maureen, and survived by his sister Patricia (Dave). Michael joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1967 and served for 20 years in various roles. After retiring in 1987 he embarked on a career as a management consultant, building his own business into a nationally recognized leader in the field.

Michael filled many roles in his life, as a son, brother, uncle, friend, military pilot, and successful business person. He would be the first to tell you, however, that his greatest accomplishment in life was his family. He married the love of his life, Joanne, in 1969 and was a loving father to Colleen (Bill), Kelly (Shawn) and Tim (Madeleine). He was the "Best Gramps Ever" to Gavin, Ethan, Evelyn, Owen, Nicola, Quinn, Rebecca, Thomas, Myles and Clara. His dedication to his family is legendary and the example that he set will remain our guiding light.

Michael was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in early November and over the following month he received exceptionally kind care from the palliative care team at Royal Victoria Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Alex Dickson, and from the outstanding community palliative care nurses and PSWs. In the last week of his life he was cared for at Hospice Simcoe. His family extends our sincere thanks to all of the nurses, PSWs and volunteers who treated him and us with such kindness.

Michael was passionate about giving back and so in lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The Tyler Robinson Foundation <https://trf.org/donate/> or the Grandmother campaign through the Stephen Lewis Foundation <https://stephenlewisfoundation.org/ways-to-give/>

441 (Huron) Wing's Member of the Year for 2022

CITATION: "Michael O'Shea is one of those people who joins an organization and instinctively works to make it better. On joining 441 (Huron) Wing he immediately volunteered to assist the Treasurer and to stand as a Director. He is knowledgeable, exacting and tireless in his efforts and quickly steps up to assist other directors and members in accomplishing their tasks. There is not an area of 441 Wing that he has not worked on, influenced or improved. 441 (Huron) Wing has benefited enormously from having Michael as a Director and member."

Michael O'Shea joined 441 (Huron) Wing in the Spring of 2019. By the summer he had been elected as a Director, stepping into the position of Vice Treasurer. He took the lead in aligning 441 Wing's finances with the new regulation required under Ontario's Not-For-Profit Corporations Act and re-writing the Wing's By-Laws to conform with it. To

save administration expenses he provided an accounting program and changed the Wing's HST reporting to annually from quarterly.

Michael is also a Director on the Ad Astral Place board. He took the lead to align Ad Astral Place's By-laws with the new Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, developing and producing their new By-laws.

Michael has been a fountain of ideas to generate funds to support the two Air Cadet Squadrons that the Wing sponsors. He arranged to have 441 Wing members sell tickets for the Kiwanis Club "Dinner for Two Anywhere In The World Draw" which has raised \$2,000.00 since ticket sales began. He arranged the opportunity to have a 441 Wing table at Barrie summer events (Celebrate Barrie and Kempenfest) to raise community awareness for the Wing and generate funds.

During the Covid 19 restrictions, Michael enabled our meetings to occur virtually so the Wing would not have to shut down. 441 Wing was able to carry on its business and administrative functions online. This meeting method is still in place ensuring members are able to attend regardless of restrictions, personal health concerns, weather or travel issues.

He increased Wing's esprit de corps by sourcing unique apparel displaying the 441 Wing logo (high quality golf shirts and multiple styles of jackets). This gave the members the ability to attend meeting in the new apparel, which is aligned with the revised dress code for Wing functions. As an additional advantage, the apparel increases public awareness of the RCAFA.

As a member of 441 Wing's Ukraine Refugee Assistance Committee, Michael's involvement was integral to finding a way to assist 3 Ukrainian students to complete their Aviation Management courses and enabled the transfer of the funds to Georgian College.

He is the Wing's Liaison Officer with Barrie's Br #147 Royal Canadian Legion. In this position, he has obtained rooms for the Wing to hold its meetings in, as well as its Charter and Awards Dinner and the Wing Entertainment committee's Christmas Social. He then arranged with the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary for meals for the latter two events, ensuring the needs of the members and the requirements of the events were met. As a thank you to the Legion for their support in providing the rooms, he arranged to have the Wing make a donation to them.

POSITIONS and DUTIES:

Deputy Treasurer, Legion Liaison for Br 147 Barrie RCL, Ad Astral Committee Director, Liaison with Kiwanis of Barrie, Liaison with Hoops and Loops for the Wing apparel, assisted Art Cameron's Ukraine Refugee Assistance Committee by setting up donation of \$25,970.22 to support the Ukrainian students, assisted the Wing Social Committee, and acted as liaison for the Wing with the Barrie Events group.