



Colin Leslie Shaw

February 8, 1944 - September 28, 2025

Colin Leslie Shaw passed away in Sarasota, Florida on September 28th 2025. He was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire England on February 8th 1944.

Colin was a world citizen who embraced change and adventure. He graduated from Newcastle University with a BSc degree in Geology and started his career in the UK. After meeting and marrying Sue, he moved across the pond to Canada in 1969 to start a family and begin a career in Information technology. He quickly became an entrepreneur and was founder and executive of multiple companies before joining American Management Systems (AMS) and subsequently CGI. In 1995 he took advantage of the global reach of CGI to move to the United States. He led consulting projects in cities across the country including Topeka, Salt Lake City, and Washington D.C. A sabbatical from work in 2002 and renting a boat in Sarasota led him and Sue to fall under the spell of the city and subsequently stayed for the rest of his life.

In addition to boating, Colin had many diverse activities including a love of tennis, bridge, and cycling. He participated in 2 triathlons after retirement, the most recent one last year at eighty years of age! Colin used his skills in writing to fuel a passionate interest in genealogy on which he wrote extensively, creating a treasured record for his family. He also used his free time to help others through his advocacy of children in the court system via Guardian ad

Litem (GAL).

His good humour, kindness and proclivity for engaging conversations will be missed by many. Above all, Colin was deeply devoted to his family. He delighted in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, and he was happiest when surrounded by them.

Colin is preceded in death by his parents H. Leslie and May; and his sister Christine.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 56 years Sue Shaw; sons Steven Shaw and his wife Angela; Matthew Shaw and his wife Judie; Sister Rita Barker and her husband Malcolm; grandchildren Robyn Shaw, Rachel Shaw, Stewart Shaw, and Simone Shaw.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honour to Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation at: <https://flgal.org/>

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I knew Colin from bridge and tennis and always enjoyed his company. His sudden passing came as a shock. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Michael White, Halifax NS Canada and UP

Michael White - October 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

SB

“ Colin was a stellar bloke and stand up guy. As one of his managers in the Guardian Ad Litem Office, It was not only a pleasure working with him. But he was just calm and very personable to interact with. Colin dedicated 13 years of his life to keeping many, many kids safe. He is a gentleman and a scholar and a kind soul.

Siva Beharry,

Siva Beharry - October 13, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LM

“ As a fellow Canadian residing in University Park, Colin and I shared many ideas on our Canadian roots of which he was enormously proud. A very special person, he will be remembered for his kindness and civility, his authenticity, his exceptional athleticism, and above all his honesty of soul. He will be missed. Our condolences to Sue and family.....Lyle Makosky and Joy Baxter

Lyle Murray Makosky - October 07, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ Colin was a true gentleman and friend...welcoming to all on the tennis courts, in the bridge clubs, and in sharing life stories. He will be missed. My condolences to Sue and the family.

Steven Ludmerer - October 04, 2025 at 08:37 AM



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Maloney Funeral Home - October 02, 2025 at 10:39 AM

GT

Colin was a very dignified and highly professional member of the early Ottawa tech community. My condolences to his family for their loss.

Grant Thomas - October 07, 2025 at 03:26 PM

JS

Our condolences to Sue and family. We were very saddened to learn of his death. A lovely, kind, energetic , intelligent man with a legacy of sons, and grandchildren with the same qualities. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, but especially those gathered this weekend to remember him. Jan Stewart and Wayne Lacroix North Bay ON CA

Jan Stewart - October 08, 2025 at 10:11 AM