

In Memoriam

Donny Tourino

For those of us who knew Donny over the last 20 years or so in Vancouver, we have indeed lost a true friend. Donny was the central focus of any gathering and one you could call upon for advice on a number of topics, especially motor cars, music and athletic statistics. When contentious issues arose, and there were a number, Donny was always polite and humble, a true gentleman, no matter the outcome of the argument.

Despite his ailments Donny, in recent times, cycled around Holland, various locations in Mexico and the USA. He always found time for his friends and reminisced constantly about those in Jamaica, Toronto and Cayman.

Once a month, Donny (The President) would call a Board Meeting at the HQ of Calypso Foods, a famous local eatery operated by Frank and Ronnie Chinloy. The Chinloys made available a special room for such (Board) meetings. The food was always delectable but Board Members looked forward to what came afterwards. The President, who came into the world of cyberspace and e-mails much later than the rest of us, took charge. It was time for jokes.

A typical joke would begin by Donny asking.... "Hey, you guys, have you ever heard this one?"

Without hearing a single word, one could not help laughing at the infectious smile and his own laughter which would precede the joke.

Despite hearing the joke several times before, all would nod in unison and off The President would go. His favourite one was Timbucktoo, which I believe, was the only e-mail I ever got from Donny.

*"Hi Geoff, here is the poem
A competition to make a poem with the words **Tim buc too***

*Along the dark dessert sand,
rides a lowly caravan,
camels loaded two by two,
destination **Timbucktoo**.*

Rastaman Version

*Tim and me a hunting went,
met some women in a tent
they were three and we were two,
so I bucked one and **Tim buck two**.*

*I hope you can understand this.
Donny."*

Sadly Donny passed away at the Royal Columbian Hospital in Vancouver on June 8, 2014

May his memory be for a blessing and his soul rest in peace.

*Newton Forest, Gordon Bloomfield, Colin Whittingham, Winston Lai, Tony Magnus, Ronnie and Frankie
Chinloy, Freddie Sale, PC Harris, Brian Bogle, Derryck, Michael & David Webster, Richard George,
Elias Canan, Mary & Peter Barton, Richard & Marguerite Lopez, Tim Brown, Joy & Dudley Delapenha,
Robert Young, Susan & Geoffrey Haddad
and others; too many to mention.*



Donny's Lotus Cortina which he recently sold and his best friend Andy



At the Peak with Brian Bogle (left) 1975



With PC Harris and Brian in 2012

