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EXETER, ONT. - London's iconic Town Crier, Bill Paul has passed away.

Former city councillor and lawyer, Ed Corrigan confirms to CTV News that Paul passed away of natural causes on Saturday evening.

A staple at countless events throughout the city over the years, Paul was known for calling anybody and everybody on their birthday and according to his Facebook page was also founder of the Laffguards, security guards dressed as clowns, and moderator of the London Socrates cafe.

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Friends reflect on Bill Paul's legacy as London Ontario's town crier

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LONDON, ONT. - The city of London has lost its beloved longtime Town Crier, Bill Paul, who died of natural causes on Saturday at the early age of 66.

Paul was known for his community involvement, attending various fundraising events, birthdays and parades.

"He was making balloons, he was volunteering for charities, he led the Santa Claus parade, he also, for many years, was involved with the United Nations," said longtime friend, Ed Corrigan.

Apart from his active community involvement, countless people can recall a phone call from Paul on their birthday, he was known to keep books with hundreds of people's names and contact information in it to ensure he didn't miss a day.

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"No word of a lie, he would be making 5000 calls a year," said another friend of Paul's, Don McLeod.

His friends called him kind and generous with his time, rarely turning down an event invitation.

His final appearance was about a month ago at a 75th birthday party for three Londoners.

The pandemic was hard for Paul because there were less gatherings and events for him to attend.

With all the downtime this year, he and Don McLeod were working on raising funds to get him a brand new town crier uniform.

"We had part of the gear already put together for him, we just needed to get the robe done," said McLeod.

He adds Paul was looking forward to wearing it to events after the pandemic, hoping to help boost community morale.

McLeod is still hoping to raise enough funds to purchase the robe and fulfill his friend's wish of having a new town crier uniform.

Plans for Paul's funeral will be arranged next week.

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Celebrating the Life of Bill Paul - London's Town Crier (Online Broadcast Event)

Sun, Oct 17. 2pm EDT

Bill Paul has been an icon and staple of London Ontario's history for the past several decades. Join us for an online Celebration of Life live online broadcast event as we share our memories, gratitude, and love for a man so many of us were lucky to know.

This will be a facilitated live broadcast event. The live broadcast will begin here within the Event page at the time of the event. You are welcome to simply watch, or if you feel called to - you are welcome to be a speaker. If you wish to be a speaker please direct message me, Brendon Culliton, prior to the event.

*Please feel free to share your images or Videos of Bill here in the event ahead of time, which we may include into the Celebration.

Please invite others you know to this event.

Let's celebrate the life of a man who lives on through the love and magic we share!