

***Note these products were picked up by FOWC volunteers sometime in late April 2023  
we gratefully appreciate all product donations***

The donations of these ostomy supplies are because of our brother Paul. He passed away from complications after a much awaited surgery that was to help improve his daily living.

Almost eight years ago Paul had his colon removed because of a cancerous tumour. He was given an ileostomy and shortly after that procedure his bladder had to be removed, he then had an urostomy.

In 2019 he was hospitalized to deal with a fistula that had formed, a complication of the two ostomies.

He spent 16 months in Grand River and Freeport Hospitals in Kitchener.

But being an optimist and a very strong willed man he managed to improve to the point where he was released to live back at home with home nursing and PSW help.

This past year there were more troubles with his urostomy, so blockers were put in his ureters to stop urine flowing to the stoma and he had nephrostomies placed in the kidneys.

So this very patient patient, this man who seemed to endure beyond what most thought possible, now had four pouches on his body.

After his surgery on March 12th, 2023 he was hopeful. Maybe he would only have to manage three pouches. Maybe he could venture out of his home, get back some of his life. But it was more than his body could take.

He passed away on April 3rd in an ICU unit in Grand River Hospital surrounded by the most dedicated nurses, doctors and family.

I just wanted you to know a little bit about the man who made this large donation of ostomy supplies possible. He would have been delighted to know he was helping ostomates in need. We also donated his medical supplies to a local Ukrainian church to be shipped to the Ukraine. One of his longtime nurses was from the Ukraine.

***In closing we would like to thank the volunteers who drove from St. Catherines to Kitchener to pick up these supplies. Also thank you to the many volunteers who give of their time to help improve the quality of life of people with ostomies.***

Many thanks from the family of the late Paul Lucas.

Grace & Doug Moogk, Point Clark, ON  
Ralph & Dianne Lucas, Kitchener, ON

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