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Elgin Barron laid to rest in Hawkesbury

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Investigation into explosion at Mexican resort continues

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On Monday, November 22, family and friends of the late Elgin Barron said goodbye to a man everyone remembered as a "good friend," a "true gentleman" and a "well-respected and well-liked employee."

Barron, 52, son of Hal and Joan Barron and brother of Kevin Barron of Asco Construction, was among the five Canadians to lose their lives in a massive explosion at a popular Mexican resort on Sunday, November 14.

He leaves behind his beloved nieces Clara, Daphne, Alexa and Rachel Delouchry, his goddaughter; his nephews Simon and Liam and his grandniece, Chloe. And his death leaves in grief his siblings: Brian and his wife Anna; Kevin and his wife Roberta; and his only living sister Jennifer.

Visitation took place at Berthiaume Funeral Home over the weekend, with the funeral service taking place at St. Jude Church in Hawkesbury at 11 a.m.

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Numerous condolences were sent via e-mail to the Berthaume Funeral Home website, many of which included fond memories of the warm, caring and kind person many remembered Barron to be.

"Knowing Elgin makes me certain he came from a loving and caring family of great character," one comment read. "I ran and trained with Elgin through several marathons - he was determined, supportive and a wonderful companion through miles and miles of quiet country roads. I will remember him fondly every time I lace up my shoes and head out for a run."

Another comment read simply, "I'll always remember him as a kind and gentle person."

The popular resort, located in Playa del Carmen, will be partially closed for at least a week so that Mexican investigators can figure out what went wrong at the Grand Riviera Princess.

According to an article that appeared in the Tuesday, November 15 edition of the Toronto Star, Barron, a resident of Guelph, Ontario, was being remembered by friends, family and neighbours for his love of gardening, his motorcycle, and being a good neighbour.

Neighbours remembered him as "always being a gentleman" and taking good care of his "immaculate" home on Imperial Road South, where he lived for 20 years.

Mike Pley, CEO of Com Dev International, where Barron worked for 14 years as a sub-contract manager, said Barron was "well-respected and liked here."

Early findings in the investigation suggested the cause of the explosion was swamp gases that had somehow been sparked. Now, there is evidence that liquefied petroleum gas and methane may have contributed as well.

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

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