

Chuck Guarino



My Christmas Message 2011

ITEM #1

My apologies for not sending you a Christmas Greeting for 2010. I came down with a very severe bladder infection around the start of last December. On Dec. 1st., my son, Larry rushed me to emergency at St. Boniface Hospital be-



cause I had become incoherent while talking to him on the phone. After hours of waiting and examinations, I was admitted, catheterized, and placed on two intravenous solutions. One was a very potent antibiotic, and the other normal saline, because my electrolytes were unbalanced. I was badly dehydrated.

The hospital looked after me very well, and released me on Dec. 9th. Larry was wonderful, and checked on me constantly. He made sure that I took my meds and looked after myself. He also arranged for Home Care for me, after I returned home. I am very grateful to have had such a caring and supportive son.



I remained on a catheter until May 27th of 2011, at which time I had a trans-urethral prostatectomy. I was in the hospital for only one night. I guess my time wasn't up, and I may be around this world for a few more years. I learned that love and caring is a very important aspect of our lives.

With that in mind, I hope to reflect that sentiment in this Christmas Newsletter. We celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ, and the Joy and Love that He brings into our lives. May God bless you and your loved ones most abundantly.

ITEM #2



Larry surprised me in September, with a family birthday party at the Round Table in Fort Garry, to celebrate my 90th birthday (September 13, 1921).

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It was great to be with my children, their husbands and wives, my grandchildren, and great grandchildren. There were four generations of the Guarino family gathered together for my birthday party. I was so happy to be with



them and enjoyed the evening very much. Both Carlie and Cassie (my granddaughters) brought along their young families. There was a lovely fireplace that they gathered around,



and they were all very well behaved. I have inserted a photo of the boys watching TV quietly after dinner. Everyone had a wonderful dinner together. It was loving and caring of Larry to arrange such a lovely surprise for his old Dad.

My granddaughter Cassie brought little “Matteo”, and she took many pictures. She keeps me well informed about her little family.

My eldest son Bob, and his wife “Dodie” took many pictures, and emailed them to me. Beverlee, my eldest daughter, and her husband “Brian”, enjoyed themselves. My youngest brother “Joe”, came along too. He is now 85.

ITEM #3

In February of 2010, I was honoured by the Winnipeg Realtor’s Association, at their annual “Awards” night dinner at the Winnipeg Convention Center. On this occasion, it was my eldest son “Bob”, who accompanied me. We had a great evening together, and he took quite a few pictures of me, when I was being presented with my 45th “Awards”.

I was presented with a beautifully written



“Scroll”, and a gold lapel pin signifying my 45 years of continuous membership as a “Broker” with the Winnipeg Real Estate Association. I was very honoured.

ITEM #4

We live in a very uncertain age. There is much turmoil, natural disasters, and civil unrest, complicated by a global recession.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us be thankful for the gift of “love” that He brings into our lives.

May all of you have a very “Joyous” Christmas. As ever, Yours in Christ’s Love.

*Papa Chuck
Guarino*



**Beverlee Payne, my eldest daughter,
and Bob Guarino, my eldest son.**



**Brian Payne, Beverlee's husband,
and my youngest son "Larry"**



**My granddaughter "Carlie", and my
youngest great granddaughter "Phoneix".**



**My two wonderful daughters-in-law,
"Heather" and "Dodie".**



**My youngest brother "Joe", who
turned 85 on Nov. 10, 2010.**



**My eldest son "Bob", who took
most of these pictures. Thanks Bob!**



I saved this photo until “last”. I was very touched, when at my 90th birthday surprise party two granddaughters “Cassie” and “Carllie” approached where I was sitting, to take a few pictures.

This one turned out “great”. Talking and being close to my youngest great grandchildren was a wonderful experience. One that I will always remember.

God bless everyone. My love to All.

Papa-Chuck