

Fernando De Luca, OLS# 1838
August 10, 1970 – December 21, 2017



On God called Fernando peacefully on Thursday December 21, 2017 at the age of 47.

He was the middle of three children born to Ida and Guiseppe De Luca and was raised in Weston, Ontario. At a young age, Fernando was a multitalented athlete. His love of sports was very evident. He received many awards in high school including “Athlete of the Year” for his involvement in track and field and a number of other sports. Throughout his teenage years, he was an avid cyclist, participating in many Toronto based races. He, his brother and his close-knit group of friends spent many summers cycling through the rural areas north of Toronto. His love of soccer was also very evident. He played organized soccer for many years. He took his love of the game to an even higher level when he played soccer professionally for the Junior team of the Toronto Blizzard of the NASL. Fernando also played hockey through his teen years and participated in the sport through adulthood.

When he graduated from high school Fernando decided, due to his love of the outdoors and the combination of science, law, and problem-solving involved, that the surveying profession could afford him the opportunities and challenges he needed, and he enrolled in Ryerson University’s Survey Engineering program in 1990.

Upon Fernando’s graduation from Ryerson he joined Marshall Macklin Monaghan Ontario Limited in 1994 based out of their Thornhill office, and once he completed the Survey Law requirements at the University of Toronto in 1996 commenced his articles at the MMM Halton-Peel office. Fernando was sworn in as OLS No. 1838 on January 26, 2000.

Never one to turn down a challenge Fernando played a significant role in major MMM projects in Ontario, Western Canada, and Nunavut, including territorial boundaries, wind farms and energy corridors. Fernando’s skill, dedication and ability to lead allowed him many opportunities at MMM. Moving back to the Thornhill office in 2006 he became Assistant Manager there in 2007 before taking on the role of Department Manager of the Halton-Peel office in 2010.

In 2014 he was appointed Vice-President, Geomatics for MMM Group as well as Partner in the firm and upon the acquisition of MMM by WSP Canada became Vice-President, Eastern Canada, Geomatics. Fernando joined Tulloch Engineering as General Manager, Geomatics, in July of 2017.

In 2005, Fernando married his soulmate Rosie, together they have two sons: Joey (born in 2007) and Michael (born in 2009) and the three were the lights of his life. Fernando had a great love for, and dedication to, his immediate and extended family, and had fierce loyalty to his friends and those he loved.

Fernando was an active participant in his community and combining his love of hockey and children, was a long-time volunteer with the Schomberg Red Wings and King Rebellion hockey organizations. In recognition of his dedication and effort the King Township Minor Hockey Association have created an annual Coach of the Year Award presented to the organization's top coach in Fernando's name.

Living life to the fullest Fernando was active within his firm, profession and community until taking ill in the fall of 2017. After a valiant battle he succumbed to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis on December 21, 2017 at the age of 47. Fernando touched every life that crossed his. During his short time with us he left a significant legacy and while we cherish what he left behind we lament what could have been... gone far too soon.

Submitted by Rosie De Luca and Michael Macek, OLS# 1605