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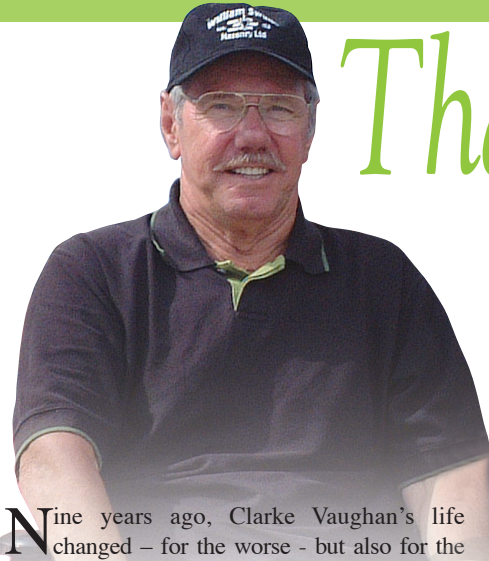
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Nine years ago, Clarke Vaughan's life changed – for the worse - but also for the better, in that he found out how many friends he really had. He inspired us with his good humour, his faith and his courage.

Clarke suffered a spinal injury and was confined to a wheelchair when he fell off a scaffold while helping a friend with a masonry project. After a period of rehabilitation, he was able to return to his home, which had to be modified to reflect the changes in his life circumstances.

Speaking a few months after the accident, Clarke remained optimistic about living as normal a life as possible. Despite his disability he largely managed to do so, thanks to a whole lot of help from his friends. Clarke's positive spirit never wavered and he inspired all who knew him.

Within months of his accident, a number of Clarke's friends and acquaintances banded together with the intention of creating a fund to help with some of his medical expenses.

In the summer of 2000, the first Clarke Vaughan Golf Tournament was held, with the relatively modest goal of raising enough money to equip his motorized wheelchair. Since that time, there have been nine tournaments, raising

A Special Thank you & Farewell

To the Sponsors of the Clarke Vaughan Fund raising Golf Tournament

\$63,000 – generous golfers and committed corporate sponsors who entered teams, sponsored holes and even made private donations.

Every cent raised went directly to helping Clarke with extra living expenses. So many golfers and friends made individual donations each year and everything revolved around the golf tournament. A target of \$7,000 per year was set and donations received from local business sponsors and golfing friends of Clarke. The funds helped Clarke remodel his home, obtain medical equipment, purchase batteries for his motorized wheelchair and drive his accessible van.

- \$30,000 to purchase, maintain, and insure a fully accessible van
- \$17,000 to make Clarke's home fully accessible
- \$8,000 for medical equipment needs including batteries, special equipment, and a hospital bed.

Donors have requested that their funds be directed as follows;

- Private donations of \$800.00 will be the first of many donations to a new "Clarke Vaughan Junior Golf Fund" – ongoing support for Ken Wo Juniors to play the game Clarke loved so much.
- Individuals have donated \$800.00 for memorial landscaping – a special place at Ken Wo recognizing Clarke's achievements and dedication to the Ken Wo Golf and Country Club.

- All of the remaining funds, nearly \$10,000, will be donated in Clarke's name to the Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Paraplegic Association – Clarke was helped so much by the men and women of the CPA – he would be so pleased to know they can do even more to help others through his gift.

The 10th annual and final Clarke Vaughan Golf Tournament is planned for Tuesday, August 25th, 2009 – not a time for fundraising but a time to thank all those who helped to support Clarke's quality of life since 2000. Family, friends and representatives of the Canadian Paraplegic Association will gather at Ken Wo for a celebration of Clarke's inspiring faith and courage.

Clarke Allison Vaughan - 69, of Gaspereau, Kings County, passed away peacefully, Saturday, September 27, 2008 at home. Born on November 27, 1938, in Wolfville, he was a son of the late Kenneth and Alice (Pudsey) Vaughan. In his early years, he was employed with Avon Valley Canners, Port Williams for a number of years and later was a Course Marshall at the Ken-Wo Golf and Country Club and had been very active in various sports, including ball, hockey, bowling and his favourite of all time, golf.

Donations in memory may be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association. Clarke fought the good fight. Clarke finished the race. Clarke kept the faith.