

Ronald “Ron” Frederick Serbin

MCC of C Member #1149

(April 16, 1941 – December 28, 2022)



Ron Serbin at setup for the AACCA Easter Show in 2019

On December 28, 2022, the Military Collectors’ Club of Canada and the Manitoba Chapter lost long time Member #1149, Ronald “Ron” Serbin. To members of our hobby and within the antique firearms community in Canada, Ron was one of our most well-known and respected antique military firearms collectors and dealers. Ron’s lifelong passion for antique arms began at an early age. According to Ron’s children Ron Jr. and Corrine, “a defining moment in their father’s life was when he bought a dilapidated sword for two dollars, cut down the blade and sold it for twenty-five. Dad started to collect and sell antique weapons”.

Over the years Ron’s passion, knowledge and business sense paid off. He was one of the largest well known and respected antique weapons dealers in Western Canada. He even appraised museum collections for insurance companies who sought him out for his vast knowledge of antique weapons. Ron and his wife Murielle opened an antique shop on Corydon Avenue in Winnipeg, MB in 1978 and ran it successfully for nineteen years. After Murielle’s passing in 1999, Ron continued doing antique gun shows across Western Canada where he developed many close friendships. It appears that nothing thrilled Ron more than a rare find or doing a deal.

In 2003 Ron married Onny Pachal and for the next 19 years they travelled all over Western Canada attending selected antique and firearm shows including the annual AACCA Easter Show and annual MCC of C Convention Shows.



Ron Serbin with a US Civil War Spencer carbine at the annual Carswell's Antique Show, Westerner Park, Red Deer, AB in 2014

Ron joined the MCC of C in November of 1975, membership #1149, and maintained a 47-year membership in support of the Club. Ron was eligible for and received the 15-Year Long Service Medal and two 10-Year Bars to the 15-Year Long Service Medal.

On behalf of the Club's Executive and membership, I would like to offer condolences to Ron's wife Onny and the Serbin family and acknowledge, his interest in and passion for military antique firearms, bayonets, sport shooting and his support of the Club, it's Manitoba Chapter and our hobby.



Ron Serbin catches up with long time friend Wayne Cline having just arrived for setup at the AACCA Calgary Easter Show in 2019

Respectfully submitted by Martin Urquhart #3406