

STORM recognizes Canadian legend Bill Lishman

Canada's own "Father Goose" was recognized by Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) for his advocacy and inspiration. Bill Lishman died Dec. 30, 2017. He was 78.

Lishman is known for his work with teaching geese to fly and becoming their adopted father.

In 1988, Lishman took off in an ultra-light plane with a flock of 12 Canada geese on either side of him. In a V-formation, together they flew the geese had imprinted on the plane. Five years later, he flew with 36 birds to South Carolina from Scugog township in Durham Region.

His flight was documented in the 1996 movie Fly Away Home starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin, and was based on Lishman's autobiography, Father Goose.

Lishman's presence and advocacy on the Oak Ridges Moraine inspired many people and organizations. STORM presented him with two Moraine Hero Awards for his dedication toward protecting the environment.

He was a world renowned artist with numerous specialties including metal sculptures and house designs.

His creative spirit contributed to STORM's advocacy through his book, The Oak Ridges Moraine From Above, STORM stated.

A beautiful collection of aerial photography, taken from his ultralight, which significantly contributed to the ongoing protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine.