

*Studebaker Friends Remembered*

## Remembering Roly Lusted 1939 to 2023

It is with sadness we must report that on, April 6th, the Hamilton Chapter lost their good friend and fellow Hamilton chapter member Roly Lusted to a short illness.

Roly was raised in Hamilton, Ontario, close to the Studebaker factory. He used to pass the factory on his way to Robert Land School each day.

He always had a soft spot for Studebakers. Back in the 1960s, in his early 20s then, he would look out the window at the Otis Elevator factory and admire the sleek cars being made in the Studebaker plant next door. At that time, the first real Studebaker that caught his eye was the '62 Gran Turismo Hawk. He admired the gleaming black car with the bright red interior. He and his coworkers thought that it looked like a Thunderbird.

Roly's first car was a 1948 Studebaker which he purchased from Clark Brother Motors in Hamilton at the corner of Main Street and Ottawa Street.



*Roly and his award-winning 1964 Avanti R1.*



award-winning 1964 Avanti R1 which he has owned ever since he got into the Studebaker world.

Roly was a past president and current treasurer of the Hamilton club. While Roly was president, he was the driving force in speeding up the installation of the



*The '61 Hawk - First in Class at Cobble Beach Concours.*

He always had a fondness for anything with wheels. It ran the gamut from motorcycles, Corvettes and then back to Studebakers. Roly has been a member of the SDC and the Avanti club for 25 years. Members who follow the Studebaker Addicts page will know him or they will remember him from swap meets or Internationals that Roly frequented for years. He always had a story or an anecdote to relate. His knowledge of all things automotive was encyclopedic.

Roly had flawlessly restored a number Studebakers over the years. However, his main love was his



*The commemorative plaque at the corner of Mars Avenue and Wentworth Street in Hamilton. For a better view of the plaque, go to:*

*<http://www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca/Studebaker%20Plaque%20FINAL.jpg>*

up the installation of the Commemorative plaque which was installed at the corner of Mars Ave and Wentworth St. in Hamilton on IDYSD in 2016. The site of the factory has become an industrial park and the main street is called Studebaker Way.

Roly's keen sense of humour and wit will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Roly will be lovingly remembered by his wife Susan, his three daughters Carol, Susan, and Joanne.

*Submitted by Hamilton Chapter SDC.*