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Fred Loek inducted into Rowing Canada Avion Hall of Fame

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Mississauga's Fred Loek is now in the Rowing Canada Avion Hall of Fame.

A former chief photographer with The Mississauga News for more than 40 years and a well-known rowing coach on the side, Loek was inducted posthumously on Jan. 26.

Loek, who died in 2015 at the age of 66, immigrated to Canada from The Netherlands and was a member of the Don Rowing Club since 1968.

He went on to coach at both the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympics, as well as the 1989 World Championships. Among the rowers he coached were the Laumann sisters, Silken and Danielle,



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Fred Loek, seen with longtime pupil Silken Laumann, was inducted into the Rowing Canada Avion Hall of Fame on Jan. 26.

Kay Worthington, Heather Hattin and Janice Mason.

Loek was inducted into the hall along with Jack Nicholson, Joe Wright Sr.,

Joe Wright Jr., Donald Arnold, Archibald MacKinnon, Walter D'Hondt, Lorne Loomer, Colleen Miller and Wendy Wiebe.