



Remembering

Kevin Coupal

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On March 22, 2010, at age 49, Kevin Coupal, owner of Capri Salon and Spa since 2000 – a family-based business established in 1957 by his uncle and late father, Orval Coupal and Claude Coupal, respectively – died suddenly from a heart-related issue. Kevin is lovingly missed by his wife of 26 years, Diana, his sons, Ryan and Tyler, his extended family and his team and many clients at Capri. He's also remembered by MOST magazine for his extensive and enthusiastic support of the Fabulous Women Over 40 Model Search.

To his many clients, Kevin Coupal's talent and vitality made Capri Salon and Spa the go-to place for a new hairstyle, a few hours of pampering and an uplifting visit full of conversation, laughter and fun. To those he helped cope with hair loss (often due to can-

cer treatment), his compassion and knack of finding exactly the right wig went a long way in their healing process. And to the community for which the salon owner actively encouraged staff and client involvement in various causes, Capri has raised almost \$50,000 in the past decade for organizations such as the MS Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Sunshine Dreams for Kids, KidsAbility, St. Mary's Digital Mammography and Hospice of Waterloo Region.

So when MOST magazine was organizing its first-ever Fabulous Women Over 40 Model Search in conjunction with this year's Total Woman Show on February 13 and 14, it wasn't long before Coupal's name came up.

Recalls MOST editor, Christine Michaud: "We wanted our finalists to experience a make-over prior to the show – a new hairstyle, maybe a new colour, new make-up techniques. We were also looking for a third

judge. Right away, Audrey Wilson (of Gemini Models) suggested Capri for the make-overs and thought Kevin would add a wonderful male perspective to the whole event. He worked with women every day – both clients and his staff – and had a great eye for fashion and beauty. He was absolutely the right choice."

Capri and Kevin embraced the opportunity donating both their talent and time to the ambitious endeavour as Monika McKinley, salon manager and Coupal's long-time friend, explains.

"All (10 finalists) came here for their make-overs and Kevin took time to meet with all of them. He did two of the make-overs – for Deborah Marchand and Debbie Battler – but made sure he connected with and visited each contestant. That's just something he would do. He was really a people person; that was his 'thing'. Doing hair