

Martti Pajunen

Celebrating Life Ministries - Life Celebration Specialist



My Connection with Celebrating Life:

- Hi, my name is Martti Pajunen. My wife, Trish, and I are part of the executive leadership of Celebrating Life Ministries.
- Since 2005 we have performed literally hundreds of Life Celebrations along with our team of over 30 Professional Certified Life Celebrants.

My Personal Story:

- I was born in Kitchener, Ontario and have lived in London, Windsor and Guelph.
- I completed my high school education in Kitchener and a Bachelors degree in Religious Education in London Ontario
- My dad is originally from Timmins and my mom from Wingham. I have three brothers and sister-in-laws, and 6 nieces and nephews ranging in age from 3-20

My Family:

- I have been married 25 years to Trish my best friend and ministry and business partner.
- We have three wonderful children who all live in Kitchener with us: Mariah, who is in her third year of a Nursing degree at McMaster University; Brianne, who is in her first year of a Nursing degree at McMaster University; and Max, who is in grade 10.

My Life Experiences:

- Pastoral ministry - 26 years in Ontario with a focus on adolescents and families.
- Adjunct college professor - 14 years teaching.
- Event management experience – organizing hundreds of events from small groups up to 4,000 people.
- Member of Certified Celebrants Association of Canada (CCAOC).
- Certified Relationship Coach through PREPARE/ENRICH Canada.
- International keynote speaker – to over 250,000 people in the last 20 years; addressing issues related to adolescent development and culture, parenting, and personal leadership development.
- Leadership Training - I have helped to train over 1,000 youth workers in Ontario and Quebec.
- Corporate teambuilding facilitator - I have developed and run "From the Ground Up" - an innovative teambuilding program in association with Strom's Farm in Guelph, Ontario.
- Business - co-owner of Kettle Creek Weddings, I perform over 150 weddings annually.
- Life Celebration Specialist through Celebrating Life - I perform over 100 funeral services annually.

My Interests and Passions:

- My favorite sports: Hockey, golf
- My favorite interests: Reading, movies, motorcycling
- My favorite music: anything; from jazz to classic rock
- My favorite foods: anything barbecued or spicy.

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