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Mac passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and the family profoundly thanks the doctors, nurses and other personnel who gave him their professional and affectionate care. True to character till the end, Mac made the final decision to pass a few minutes after an extended family and friend visit. He will be missed by his wife, Carolynne; his sister, Lisa and her partner, Jim; his nieces, Tanya and Michele; his nephew, Darwin; his ex-Parliamentarian friend, Noel; friends from Toronto's waterfront, especially, Peter, as well as by his many acquaintances across the world. He is predeceased by his parents and his younger brother, Michael. In addition to his many different interests, Mac had a long, varied, adventure-filled life as an MPP for the New Democratic Party (NDP) and a City Councillor for Brantford, journalist, an inveterate and generous party thrower and goer, boat builder, cruiser and charterer, RCN seaman and RCAF Flight Lieutenant stationed in various places across the world. He was active in the anti-nuclear arms movement, supported various political and environmental organizations, a progressive news service, and engaged with all. With his wife, Carolynne, he was a global traveller through dozens of countries, sunned in the tropics, enjoyed good wine, fine dining, and conversation especially if it was political. One-of-a-kind, charismatic and imbued with a boundless sense of humour, he had a powerful influence on everyone around him and will be sorely missed.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. If you wish to be notified, please send contact information to lisamakarchuk@sympatico.ca. In lieu of flowers, any donations may be given to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Comments



“ So sorry to hear of Mac's passing. This wonderful man got me interested in politics in the 60's. I fondly remember our serious discussions at the old trades and labour club in Brantford. Condolences to the family and May he rest in peace.

John Sabyan - August 21, 2021 at 04:45 PM