



Alexander "Sandy" Bruce Wilson

March 8, 2021

It is with shock and great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Alexander "Sandy" Bruce Wilson, on Monday March 8th, 2021. Alex was battling cancer for several years and suffered other illnesses.

Part of a large, loving family, Alex was the son of Eleanor and Kenneth Wilson. He was brother to Pat, Keith, Nancy, and Russell, and predeceased by siblings Carol and David. Alex was brother-in-law to Brenda Emslie and Susan Wilson, predeceased by brothers-in-law Jean-Guy Côté and Keith Raynor, and loving uncle to Leslie Jefford, Cheryl Fearon, Melissa McDermott, Jocelyn Trevisan, Rob Howard, Laura Hurst, and Robert Raynor.

Alex attended David and Mary Thomson Collegiate, and York University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management and Operations. He attained a Masters of Business Administration at the George Washington University, class of '92.

Having a tremendous work ethic, Alex spent many years with Bell Canada at the beginning of his professional life. He then moved on to other telecommunication companies, travelling around the world working long-term international contracts in places such as Dubai, Honolulu, and Washington, D.C. With a wealth of experience, Alex was inspired to form his own company, 4-tel.com LLC, in Virginia, USA. For the past seven years, he was Director of

Business Development for Canadian Network Installations in Markham, Ontario. Alex earned an Outstanding Service Award of Excellence in his fifth year at the company, and was a well-liked and respected colleague by many.

Alex lived life large, and will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, where Alex received his treatments, would be graciously appreciated by the family. Hospital donation link: <https://supportthepmcf.ca/ui/PDPMemorial/p/e76a923b415e43588bc81b533f81fe00> . Regrettably, there is no in-person gathering due to Covid-19.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ I was in the process of converting old paper files into digital format when I came across a very memorable transaction in which I provided mortgage financing services for Alex's purchase of a condo unit at 1 King St. W., Toronto.

Hoping to reconnect after so many years, I recently searched for Alex online and came across this terrible news. I'm so very sorry to his family and for all who knew and loved him. I very much understand the grief of losing a loved one, and how the weight in carrying this loss forward is at times unbearable.

My interaction with Alex was brief, yet well remembered. He was a gentleman and a savvy entrepreneur and I was honored to have been of service.

I hope the memories and impressions Alex left behind bring you all some comfort in the years ahead.

My sincerest sympathies to the bereaved.

Anthony Cirelli - Mortgage Architects

Anthony Cirelli - April 15 at 12:44 AM

MN

“ *Condolences to Alex’s family.*

Can someone following this page please ask Alex’s personal representative to contact me.

I have sensitive information to share.

*Marc Nolte
Marc@mbn.ca*

Marc B Nolte - June 02, 2022 at 09:27 PM

RM

“ *We’ve missed you terribly, and will remember you so fondly, Uncle Alex. You were responsible for some of the happiest moments of our lives, and we will certainly spend our lives paying forward the grace, generosity, and kindness you gave to us.*

This tremendous loss leaves an absolutely gaping hole in our hearts. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart for everything. Love you always.

Renee Mahoney - September 03, 2021 at 08:22 PM

RH

“ *I will always remember Alex, as my Uncle Sandy. A man who never talked down to the child that I was (as adults often do), and was the first to agree to play with whatever gadget or Gizmo I was into at the time. He took me on my first upside down roller coaster in the West Edmonton Mall and somehow convinced me that jumping out of a hot tub and rolling in the snow was a great idea. RIP - Uncle Sandy.*

Robbie

Robert Howard - March 30, 2021 at 07:26 PM

“ Dear Nancy, Pat and Keith, the extended Wilson family and Alex’s friends,

Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We’re so sad to learn of Alex’s recent passing.

Our mutual friendship goes back many years. Childhood memories include playing hide-and-go-seek in the ravine with our neighbours and friends, attending elementary school at McCowan Road Public School and experiencing together the exciting anticipation of the transition to our brand new Raymond Moriyama designed John McCrae Senior Public School.

During our teens we attended David and Mary Thomson C. I. We played in the Senior and Jazz Bands and went on a memorable band trip to Pennsylvania. We had many friends in common during those high school days and shared in a number of crazy shenanigans mostly unrelated to academics. We spent many hours drinking gallons of coffee in local establishments such as the Hillside and Suburban restaurants and G & J’s Pizzeria. Conversations were sometimes silly and sometimes serious.

I was often at the Wilson household, mostly in the den, dialoguing with Alex. His kid sister Nancy sometimes dropped in to catch up on the latest. I occasionally joined the Wilsons for supper. Mrs. Wilson’s meals were scrumptious and, with a glint in his eye, Mr. Wilson reminded us of the cost of the roast. In response to this, I paused between chews and carried on with a greater appreciation for the meal. Respectfully, I’m sure it took a lot to feed that large hungry Wilson family!

During later David and Mary Thomson and early York University days, Alex worked hard as a Bell Canada installer enabling him to purchase a number of sporty vehicles such as an AMC Gremlin, Mercury Cougar and a couple of Corvette Stingrays. I have fond memories of us going for joy rides on country roads northeast of

Toronto and laughing our faces off along the way!

Ruth and I married, carried out our professions in nursing and education and raised our family in Brampton. Alex ushered at our wedding in 1985 (see photos). Eventually he moved a few blocks away from us and visited a number of times. In one of the photos, Alex is shown sitting in our family room exchanging smiles with our first-born, Spencer. In the other photo, he's captured in our backyard holding our youngest son, Chris. Alex must have been away on one of his many business trips when Carolyn was born. In any case, he was a natural with children and obviously loved our three! Ruth has expressed on numerous occasions that she really enjoyed the time when Alex lived near us.

Life got busy and unfortunately we saw less and less of each other. I missed Alex tremendously then and I greatly miss him now!

On behalf of Ruth and I, again, please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Nelson Gray



Nelson Gray - March 26, 2021 at 03:03 PM

SA

“ It is hard to come up with a man of your stature by words and sentences. CNI and its family has lost a great and passionate man who can never be replaced and forever will be missed. Rest In Peace my dear Sir.



Sam

Sam - March 23, 2021 at 11:08 PM

NL

My condolences to the entire family. I was both shocked and saddened to hear the news of his passing. I remember first meeting him as we chatted while on a flight to BC in Jan 2017. For the next 6 months out there I had the pleasure of getting to know and understand his passion as he was always upbeat and had such an interesting business background. He always looked after his team and he loved being around the guys. You could see how excited he got when the team got together at functions or dinner meetings, and he made sure all the top performers were celebrated using a remote control as a trophy. But no one ever got left behind, and he was always the last to leave any function so he wouldn't miss anything, and so he could spend the most time with the team he called family. Caring, thoughtful and an incredible sense of humour is an understatement. He is the reason I had this opportunity with CNI and I am so grateful to have had the pleasure to have known such an incredible human being. Rest In Peace dear friend. You are missed.

Norm Leblanc - March 26, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ *My condolences to the Wilson family.*

I've known Alex for the past 4 years working at CNI and I wouldn't be where I am in my career if it wasn't for him. He was a brilliant man and cared deeply for those close to him. I remember getting phone calls from my boss and thinking - what did I do now, only to receive a 9pm phone call asking how I am enjoying my new apartment or car or asking how I am doing in general. I'll remember Alex for the driven, hardworking, and generous person he was and he will be missed greatly.

We shared many laughs and good times in BC that will be remembered by all of those involved.

Rest In Peace Alex

It was a pleasure working alongside you

Josh Meilach

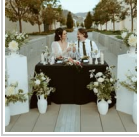
Josh Meilach - March 23, 2021 at 04:44 PM

 Jason
Crain

“ *I was shocked and disheartened to find out about the sudden passing of such an insightful, intelligent and positive man, I will be forever grateful to the one man who truly saw my passion and gave me the opportunity at CNI that I never thought would come. He became a mentor to me in such a short time and it will never be forgotten. Thank you so much and cheers sir, may you rest in peace and God bless.*



Jason Crain - March 23, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ A sad day in my professional career that has come too soon... I knew Alex from day 1 of working at CNI which dates back to January of 2017 where we in met in Vancouver, BC.

I was one of several deployed Ontario technicians at the time with the expectations of a temporary work tour on the West coast. Fast forward 4 years and 3 months to today, I still happily live and work here because of Alex Wilson and his determination to challenge my abilities and push me outside of my comfort zone.

Alex was a colleague and a friend and I will miss the time we worked together building up CNI Vancouver to what it is today. The remaining "Ontario Club" members will certainly miss you and the "meetings" that occasionally took place across several of our preferred eatery's in LML Vancouver.

Rest easy sir.

Cheers (literally.)

Nick Mariani.



Nick Mariani - March 22, 2021 at 06:57 PM

HA

“ *It is an honor to work with and meet such a great person like Alex. Despite the short time I've worked with him on our project, I think everyone can agree that there's just no words that can describe his dedication to our CNI family. I've surely picked up a few pointers from our supposedly short talks (never short, but very insightful/informative talks). Thank you sir. Stay fly Alex, rest in paradise!*



Harvey - March 22, 2021 at 05:01 PM

TH

“ *I've only known Alex for a short 2 years. In every meeting and interaction, his smile would light up a room, with so many positive stories to share. He truly was a collaborative professional with profound knowledge and articulation and will be surely missed. Alex was always very open about his journey as he challenged cancer, often joking about how much he was looking forward to his haircut! Sharing my heartfelt condolences with his family.*

Trent Harris - March 22, 2021 at 04:51 PM

JP

“ I have had the pleasure of getting to know Alex over the past several years through work. I always looked forward to his monthly presentations as unlike many others he brought fun to work through his selection of pictures or memes to incorporate into presentations. I always looked forward to seeing next month's presentation to see what he would bring for us. Knowledgeable, competent, smart and friendly will be how I always remember him. I was both truly saddened and shocked to hear of Alex's passing - he will be missed not only as a work colleague but as a friend. He zest for life, worldly experience and stories was always at the forefront despite what he was battling health wise. We were so pleased to see how happy he was that his hair had come back this year - he was thrilled to show us all on a video call one day and I will never forget it. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Jennifer Parton - March 22, 2021 at 03:51 PM

JB

“ Alex was a colleague to us and became a personal friend over the years. His positivity each and every day gave us all inspiration. Although we are deeply saddened by his sudden departure, may we cherish the memories we all shared and remember our “frontiering” adventures.
With our thoughts and prayers to the entire family and all those who knew Alex, God bless.
Jim & Viki Babalis

Jim Babalis - March 22, 2021 at 03:21 PM

RR

“ I remember my uncle Alex as a man who rejected the notion that adults need to be all serious, all the time. He was a larger than life, jovial character, and I'm grateful for my childhood memories of him taking me to the auto show and making our family laugh loudly at early 2000s Wilson dinners.



Robert Raynor - March 21, 2021 at 06:52 PM

LC

These are fantastic memories Nelson. It's difficult to sum up a lifetime of friendship in a few paragraphs. You have done it perfectly. Thank you for sharing your memories with our dear friend Alex. (Liz Hendry)

liz collins - April 05, 2021 at 04:18 AM

RR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Robert Raynor - March 21, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MP

“ Nancy and family. I am so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. Sending you strength and love. Marie-Anne and Family



Marie Penney - March 21, 2021 at 05:59 PM