



Mr. Andrew Keitner

October 31, 2015

September 29, 1951 - October 31, 2015

It is with profound sadness that we announce Andy's death, following his inspiring 4 year battle with pancreatic cancer. His passing was peaceful, at home, with his family around him.

He is survived by his lifelong partner and best friend, Liz, and their four children: Nina (Mike Flowers) and their son Cohen, Austin (Jocie Court) and their infant daughter and Andy's namesake, Andee, Kimberley (Steve Sauder) and Joel (Tisha Meneses).

His brothers Carl and Gabor, are devastated by his loss, as are his much loved nieces and nephews. Bruno, his beloved chocolate poodle, will miss their walks together on the beach.

Andy was born in Budapest, Hungary and escaped with his family during the 1956 revolution, settling in Montreal. He met Liz at Bishop's University; they married in the chapel there in 1979. After completing his MBA at McGill he joined BMO, where he stayed for his entire career. During his 32 years with BMO he worked in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Halifax, finally settling back in Toronto. He always thought of BMO as a family. Nowhere is that more true than in Halifax, the years in Nova Scotia were some of the happiest of his life.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and other caregivers that made it possible for him to realize his wish to be at home until the end.

Cremation has taken place. At his request there will be no service or eulogy. There will be a wake-style celebration on Thursday, November 5 from 3-6 p.m. in the party room at 28 Ted Rogers Way.

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In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Hills of Erin Cancer Prevention Foundation, see preventcancer.ca.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Party Room at 28 Ted Rogers Way
28 Ted Rogers Way
Toronto, ON M4Y 2J4 (CA)

Tribute Wall

RK

“ I've only just found out about the untimely death of Andy, I knew him when he as a CAM in Oakville & I was a newly shingled CAM in Mississaga. I always thought Andy was the apitomy of a great CAM & I strived to be like him...
He will be missed.

Robert Kennedy - December 22, 2015 at 02:19 PM

PL

“ To the Keitner family: thoughts and prayers are with you all from Marie-Eve, Vince and I. So many great memories in the house through the years in Oakville! Mr. Keitner fought and beat the odds with a tenacity that extends and shines through his children, and with love that I know continues in their hearts and actions.

Paulo Lourenço - November 05, 2015 at 01:11 PM

TH

“ To the entire Keitner family - We are so sorry to hear about Andy. Your family made our stay in Toronto a wonderful experience and we were so lucky to have met such great neighbors. You are in our thoughts and prayers and our hearts go out to all of you.

*Terry and Terryl Hanson
Jana and Jordan Helman*

Terry and Terryl Hanson - November 05, 2015 at 01:00 PM

DK

“ *It has been to our great pleasure to be associated with such a gentleman. Working with Andy has inspired all of us to reach beyond our capabilities and to conduct ourselves with integrity and pride. Our time together was filled with laughter and many stories of his beloved canine, all of which was most appreciated.*

Not only did Andy teach all of us about what it means to be a high-performing banker, but more importantly, we learned what it means to be an honourable and respected citizen. Without exaggeration, we are all better people for having shared some time with him and we will miss him dearly.

On behalf of his friends at BMO, we send along our sincerest sympathies and will do our best to carry on in a manner that would make him proud to call us his friends as well.

From: BMO FCP Community Analyst team

Michael Cooper, Mathew Critchley, Ravi Rao, Derek Wang, Jose Morales, Derek Jubb, Kristine Love, Anna Boltauzer and Don Kim

Don Kim - November 04, 2015 at 04:14 PM

DB

“ *Don Kim & the Analyst team at BMO purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Andrew Keitner.*



Don Kim & the Analyst team at BMO - November 04, 2015 at 12:49 PM

LL

“ Liz and family: Our hearts go out to you as you mourn the loss of your husband, friend and father. We hope that you will find comfort knowing that you supported in thought and prayer by those around you. Tony and Lillian Lourenco

Lillian Lourenco - November 04, 2015 at 09:29 AM

AC

“ A beautiful smile from a man with a big heart. You will be missed Andy.

To the Keitner family, our thoughts are with you. From your friends at BMO.

Adrian Chandran - November 03, 2015 at 02:15 PM

GK

“ Andy was a tough kid. He had to be with two older brothers who pushed him around. Andy and I both won the Most Valuable Lineman Award while playing football for West Hill High School in Montreal. He was a good 40 pounds lighter than I was. We both went on to play for the Bishop's Gaitors even while maintaining that weight differential. He was fearless, giving and absorbing more punishment than I ever did. He continued to push himself running marathons. That toughness was obvious in his prolonged fight against the cancer, setting a near record for survival time. Andy's main foci throughout his life was on his family and his work. He found himself with a larger family than he ever expected and devoted his energies to supporting and caring for all of them. I still have a vivid image of Andy and Liz collapsed in an exhausted daze in their basement playroom while Nina, Austn, Kim and Joey, all under the age of five, were taking the room apart. I also remember the many board games that the whole family played, games that not only entertained them but also glued them together. There was always much meriment during those times. Andy had a tremendous sense of humor, a cleverness with the use of words and a generous spirit. His home was always open for all of his extensive extended family to join with them. He was a wonderful brother and my life without him will be painfully diminished.

Gabor Keitner

Gabor Keitner - November 03, 2015 at 09:48 AM

JM

Beautifully said Gabor. We were fortunate enough to be his neighbours for many years and were recipients of his joy and generosity. A fine man indeed who will be sorely missed. Jan Meyer

Jan Meyer - November 04, 2015 at 08:18 PM

RM

“ Liz and the entire Keitner family, your family at BMO is saddened by the loss of our colleague Andy. We know he put up the traditional Andy fight, and it was a good one. The Bank truly lost a great employee and a friend, who challenged us and made us a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Regards, Rob McLean and your friends at BMO.

Rob McLean - November 02, 2015 at 02:37 PM