



David Joel Maundrell

March 10, 2026

David Joel Maundrell passed away on March 10, 2026, at Rockcliffe Care Community. He was 81 years old.

David was born on July 27, 1944, in Oshawa, Ontario, and was raised in Whitby. He was the oldest of three boys born to Douglas and Inez Maundrell, growing up alongside his brothers Brian and Daniel.

In his youth, David played hockey for many years and developed a strong curiosity about how things worked. That curiosity eventually led him to Ryerson University, where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. His career took him across Canada repairing X-ray machines and other hospital equipment, a role that allowed him to combine technical skill with travel and adventure.

David married in Ontario and welcomed two sons, Alexander Maundrell and Brodie Maundrell. Later, David and his family moved to British Columbia.

Those who knew David often remarked on his intelligence and his wide-ranging curiosity about the world.

David was an avid reader throughout his life. His bookshelves were filled with works on philosophy, religion, personal health, and personal growth. But he

also enjoyed reading simply for fun, especially mystery novels. He had a particular fondness for a good "whodunnit."

David later remarried in Toronto and gained a step-daughter, Jennifer Wesley.

Always open to new experiences, David spent a number of years in China teaching English. During his time there, he eventually became the Director of Foreign Teachers at a large school, guiding and supporting educators from around the world.

After retiring, David devoted more of his time to family. He moved back and forth between Ontario and British Columbia so he could spend time with both of his sons and remain close to family.

David was a proud grandfather to Kyle, Justin, Pier, Sophie and Carmello.

David was not widely known for his cooking. In fact, there were several occasions where even he could not eat what he had prepared. When he offered to cook for guests, the usual suggestion was to either go out for dinner or let someone else handle the kitchen. David always laughed about it and admitted they were probably right.

In his youth, he also loved cars and enjoyed driving, often very fast. When driving with his brother Danny, David would ask, "Are you in a hurry or a real hurry?" And then he would make sure they got there in record time. Despite the speed, he was a skilled and controlled driver who could drift around corners and highway on-ramps with impressive confidence.

David lived a life marked by intelligence, curiosity, humor, and adventure. He will be remembered for his love of learning, his stories, and the many experiences he shared with those around him.

He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

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“ David, you were always in our thoughts, you went through some tough times but always could laugh with us. We were lucky to be part of a family of 17 cousins who spent a lot of time together as kids. Your travels took you to interesting places and will never forget the emails when you got to China about their bathroom facilities. You will be missed, but as one of your children said, we picture you enjoying life again and watching us as we struggle through.

Bill and Karen

karen - March 19 at 11:14 AM

JW

“Dad, I still can't believe you're gone...It's surreal...I was coming to visit you... 😞

You were a great man, dad. You were funny, very educated and extremely intelligent. I don't think I'll ever meet an individual who's read more books than you, let alone go to some of the extremes you did for a book. Lol

I loved how you would read something and instantly convert...Be yourself, then repeat. You'd read up on Buddhism and you were a Buddha, then food that cures and your on a raw food diet, etc. You never could find the right book on woman though. Hahahaa, You always said, there was no way to figure us out. Regardless, you ALWAYS ended up a Christian who drank pop, ate salt and vinegar chips and smoked ciggarettts like they were going out of style. You were most definitely a simple man. It didn't take much to please you.

You were very supportive when anyone was in need. I remember when you would come back from teaching English in Changchun, China and you would stay with Mello and I. Gosh, you made life so much easier. And when my laptop crashed on me 1 week before exams. You didn't hesitate to buy me a new one. Doing the dishes after every meal (even if I had to redo them someday lol) I hid your books on you...and blast my rap... (oh, how you HATED that. Lol) it was so easy to get a rise out of you. Playfully of course. I knew I crossed the line when your head started shaking and you would spit when you shouted! Hahahahaaa But just as easily you would be laughing with that big smile of yours...

Your smile, laugh and our memories will stay with me until I die. I know you are happier and resting now. I can see you clear as day in a breathtaking place with lovely weather with your chilled pop beside you, your feet in the sand, a book in one hand, a ciggarette in the other and chips in your teeth as you smile at something you read.... You are already missed xoxo 😇❤️😞

May God bless you... 🙏

Jennifer Lenea Wesley - March 17 at 03:41 AM

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“ *You will be sorely missed, I'm going to miss our daily phone calls, our time together. Dad made childhood so much fun, we went everywhere, skiing, fishing, canoeing, camping, horseback riding, swimming at Alouette Lake, Cliff jumping. It really was such a great childhood and he helped me so many times as an adult when I needed it he was always there.*

I'm gonna miss you Dad

Brodie Maundrell - March 13 at 11:04 AM