



## David Moscoe

January 13, 2023

We sadly announce the peaceful passing of David Moscoe on Friday, January 13, just over a month after his 85th birthday, after a years-long battle with Alzheimer's disease, in the company of close family.

He is survived by his partner of 35 years, Marianne Stinson, his sister Sheila, his two children, Kara and Daniel, their mother Tarmara, and his sister-in-law Lea. He will be dearly missed by them, the entire Stinson family, all his extended family and friends, and the wonderful staff at One Kenton Place, North York, whom we thank sincerely for all their care. He is predeceased by his brother Sydney and his parents, Harry and Adele.

David was born in Kirkland Lake in northern Ontario, and lived his entire adult life in Toronto. After graduating from the University of Toronto, he was an elementary school teacher, vice principal and principal in Toronto and North York for 37 years, and was much beloved by generations of students, parents, and school staff. An avid tennis player, golfer, and all-around sportsman and fan, he enjoyed 28 years of retirement doing the things he loved: spending winters in Florida, travelling the world, cooking up storms on his barbecue, cheering on his beloved Toronto sports teams, and playing tennis into his 80s.

His wish was to be cremated, and to eschew a funeral. Instead, his home away from home, the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, will be the venue of a

celebration of life ceremony in the spring; date and details to be announced.

We recommend that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer Society: <https://alzheimer.ca/en>

# Tribute Wall



“ He was my principal at Denlow Public school from 1987 until 1991 (from grade 3 till grade 6). He made a big difference in my life and gave me a lot of confidence and set me on the right track. He was a very good, kind and generous man. I think about him fondly even to this day. God bless.

Taher Chugh - March 19, 2024 at 04:59 PM



Stephen Hansen

“ I worked with Dave in North York in the early 70s at Yorkview Elementary and then followed him to Hillside Elementary. He was a great Principal/Vice-Principal and even better friend. We spent many (too many) great Friday evenings at the pub after school. After I moved to BC we continued to keep in touch. Dave visited us in Vancouver a few times on his way to visit his son in Japan. Will miss you buddy! My deep condolences to Marianne and Dave's family. - Stephen Hansen, Victoria, BC.

Stephen Hansen - January 25, 2023 at 04:10 PM

JW

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JOHN Welch - January 24, 2023 at 11:10 AM

JW

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**John Welch** - January 24, 2023 at 10:52 AM

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“ I first met David when he interviewed me for the position of Head Secretary at Denlow P.S. Our meeting did not seem like an interview at all, he made me feel so at ease. I am extremely grateful to David for going to bat for me to get the position, as I spent 23 wonderful years until retirement at Denlow.

David's enthusiasm for his students and staff went beyond the typical school atmosphere. He called every student by their first name, knew their parents and made all feel so welcome. He, along with the PTA, spearheaded many events: "Air Bands", Welcome Back to School BBQ, Silent Auctions, Bingo Nights, and the list goes on. One favourite tradition was the Last Day of School Exit through the parking lot doors. David would greet each student by name, share hugs and wish them a good summer holiday.

Our staff social gatherings were always a highlight of the year with David leading the way on the social committee. After David left Denlow, he and Marianne continued to host his staff for D Day BBQ's. We have always been so grateful. The month of June has not been the same for the last several years.

My husband and I extend our sincerest condolences to Marianne, Dan, Kara and Sheila. May the wonderful memories and tributes to David comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

Nicole Fitzpatrick

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Nicole Fitzpatrick - January 17, 2023 at 07:43 PM

TH

“ My husband and I first met David more than 36 years ago through my good friend Marianne. Over that time we got together with them for dinners, BBQ's and many other fun outings. One of our fondest memories was a Halloween dinner, not that long ago. We got out some crazy hats, etc, and dressed up. We laughed so hard tears were rolling down our faces. You don't get many belly laughs in life and this one was memorable.

*RIP David and we'll party together again one day.*

*Condolences to his long-time partner, Marianne, and David's family and friends.*

*Chris and Thea Haller*



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**Thea and Chris Haller** - January 17, 2023 at 04:21 PM

ND

“ David was a force to be reckoned with. I was so fortunate to be hired by him many years ago and spent a fabulous term with him as principal. David was an educator with high standards, great sense of humour and loved to party with all of us. He lived a full, vibrant life. The David we all knew and loved left us earlier. Now he can rest. My thoughts go out to you Marianne and his family. Rest in peace!

*Noreene Decker*

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**noreene decker** - January 17, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Dear Sheila, I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of David. He fought a very hard long battle with Alzheimer's Dementia and now he is at peace. My heartfelt condolences go out to you, David's children and Marianne.

*When I moved to 500 Duplex from Montreal I didn't know anyone. I heard about the 500 Duplex Tenants' Association and thought it would be a great way of meeting people in the building. From there I met David and in no time I found myself not only a member but volunteering to be on the executive committee because of his encouragement. I found him to be a very caring and compassionate individual who went beyond not only caring and helping 500 Duplex but also the community.*

*I couldn't believe the building I moved into in 1995 did not have cable tv and we had to settle for a master antenna on the roof. Many thanks to David for persevering and being successful in getting us Cable TV!*

*I knew what a great Blue Jays fan David was and I was lucky enough to receive two free tickets one day from someone I knew from Sports Fan Radio and since I wasn't a fan I offered them to David which he gratefully accepted. After the game, he brought me a bottle of wine to thank me and said that they were the best seats he ever had. In the meantime, I enjoyed the bottle of wine he gave me and thought it was a pretty good trade-off.*

*Through our conversations, I discovered his love for Montreal Bagels and often he would go to St. Urbain Bagels to pick up a dozen or so bagels. They were as close to Montreal bagels as you can get here. Toronto Bagels just don't cut it. Whenever he would go he was so thoughtful and offered to pick me up some while he was there. If you have had a Montreal bagel you would know what I mean and if you haven't you are missing out!*

*Sheila, David's children and Marianne I know this is a difficult time*

*for you. May you find peace, comfort, courage, and all the love you need at this time.*

*Susan Peterson*

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**Susan Peterson** - January 17, 2023 at 05:24 AM

KB

“ *There is no expiration date on a fathers love for his children  
Memories will always be with you Dan and Kara  
My deepest condolences  
Kevin Brandt*

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**kevin brandt** - January 16, 2023 at 07:19 PM

RS

“ *So many memories. David was the consummate host and organizer. We always seemed to be doing something. From Super Bowl parties, to 5km runs, a Vegas trip and a limousine pickup, he made it all happen. I will always remember the trip we took to Columbia, South Carolina where he bought a corvette. Every birthday was remembered with a phone call. You will be greatly missed, David.  
Fondly, Ross Scott*

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**Ross Scott** - January 16, 2023 at 04:54 PM

ML

“ David was a hero to all the armchair sports fans at 500 Duplex Avenue, as he was the one who spearheaded the drive, many years ago, to have cable tv finally installed in our hold-out building. For twenty years, I volunteered, along with David, on the Executive of the 500 Duplex Avenue Tenants' Association. I got to know him as a man who served his community with kindness, common sense and fairmindedness. I also learned about his myriad interests, like chasing and photographing eclipses, his love of Cadillacs and, of course, his passion for the Blue Jays. At the annual building BBQ, I was David's sidekick, setting up the buns as he grilled beef sausages to perfection, remembering who liked them well-done and who preferred the vegetarian option. Noel and I send our deepest condolences to Marianne, David's children and especially to his dear sister, Sheila.

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**Mary Lehane** - January 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

SI

“ It was truly a pleasure knowing David. He was a great sportsman and delightful to be with.. John and I shared numerous times with him - both in Toronto and in Florida - playing tennis, playing golf and, of course lots of wining and dining together with David and his lovely Marianne. He is very much missed by friends whose life he touched. Deepest condolences to Marianne and family. Rest in peace dear David.

*Sandra Irwin-Smith.*

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**Sandra Irwin-Smith** - January 15, 2023 at 01:33 PM

MR

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of David’s passing. Thirty eight years ago David bought us a maple tree to commemorate the purchase of our new home. The small sapling has grown into a massive, healthy beautiful tree providing shade and enjoyment for our family throughout the years and David’s memory lives on providing shelter and food for nature’s creatures. The memories of competitive tennis and golf games, will never fade and his Super Bowl parties were legendary with his friends. David leaves us with so many wonderful memories we will never forget. May he rest in peace❤️.

*Don & Marnie Ross*

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**Marnie & Don Ross** - January 15, 2023 at 12:27 PM

BP

“ David had the greatest welcoming smile. He was a genuinely warm and caring professional. He was very supportive of the teacher federations and the principal associations. I was proud to be a colleague and enjoyed playing golf with him. My condolences to all who knew and loved him.

*Bob Parker*



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**Bob Parker** - January 15, 2023 at 11:58 AM

CT

“ *My husband, Fraser Baillie, misses their many tennis games - and especially the beer and talk afterwards! I will miss his gentle welcoming smile, and the parties. We send our love to Marianne.*



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**Cathy Thomas** - January 15, 2023 at 10:32 AM

EB

“ *My memories with David was through the Stinson family and all the wonderful stories he shared with them. David was a loving and generous person and will be missed by Marianne and family.*

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**ESTELLE BUDISH** - January 15, 2023 at 10:07 AM

VS

“ Fond Memories of a Champ!

*There is no doubt that David aka “Flash deSoto” will be missed by all his friends, colleagues, former students and staff. Bruce Howell and I were fortunate to be hired as a team to teach Grade 6 Gifted at Denlow P.S. under his administration. Although we were both only there for a year, his low key, hands on, interactive and appreciative style set an excellent example for our future administrative roles.*

*My best memory of course is the day David agreed to take on the role as Flash DeSoto joining us, young crazy newbies Neil, Anna, Johanne, John, Bruce and myself, in our attempt to irreverently celebrate, in song, our unique leaders and NYBE crazy culture. What started off as simply a narrator role, mainly to keep the more seasoned VPs and principals remaining in the room at the conference, soon changed as David surprised us all as a “singer” as well. Who knew! This “different” David, hair slicked back 50s style (by Anna Miyata), in his satin blue Champions jacket and tight jeans, actually loved the limelight as he entertained his colleagues. As Champions, we bonded together, becoming great friends! David was our star advocate getting us as many gigs as he could!*

*It’s hard to describe the camaraderie, laughter and love we shared during our many performances at conferences, retirements and other events both on and off stage as well. His amazing life partner, and huge personal support especially in his later years, Marianne, (Mrs. Flash) became our biggest fan and reviewer! We were quite the team.*

*David aka “Flash” will certainly be fondly remembered by all of us.*

*With love,*

*Vivian Shapiro*

*on behalf of remaining “Champions” Bruce Howell, Johanne Messner & Neil Williamson.*

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**Vivian Shapiro** - January 15, 2023 at 09:08 AM

PT

“ My wife, Arlene and I have known David for almost 40 years. He was a fixture on the tennis court at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club and a very good doubles partner. His wide circle of friends enjoyed his sense of humour, concern for other people, gentle nature and interest in just about everything In life. He has been very much missed by his friends.

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**Preston Thom** - January 14, 2023 at 08:32 AM

PP

“ David was larger than life in everything he did. I was very lucky to know him. He was extremely kind and very helpful to me when I joined the NYBE. His “Flash” was incomparable. May he Rest In Peace and may his family and friends be comforted from his loss by their good memories.

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**Pat Parisi** - January 14, 2023 at 07:25 AM

GM

On behalf of our ex Kirkland Lake hockey team and luncheon group we would like to extend our sincere condolences to Marianne, Sheila and David's children. He will be sadly missed by all of us. RIP our friend.

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**Glenn MACALPINE** - January 15, 2023 at 10:15 AM

MP

*David was everything one could ask for in a colleague, administrator and friend. When I first arrived on the scene as Family Supe in the A.Y.Jackson family, David's welcome was one of warmth and desire to assist and support me in my new and unfamiliar role. He laughed WITH me, and not AT me, as I stumbled through the learning process of what truly happens in a JK-6 setting. I soon learned that he extended that professional and personal hand to all who were fortunate enough to come within his orbit. I always knew that I could count on his sage advice, and did so, most gratefully, for decades to come. Go n peace, David.*

*Morry Patt*

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**Morry Patt** - January 15, 2023 at 10:27 AM

BV

*I knew David from NTCl and later, we were in the same class at Teacher's College. I became friends with him and his male classmates. We had parties on the weekends and we had so much fun. Later , David, his ex Tamara, myself and my late husband Sheldon met up socially. My husband installed this royal blue carpet up the stairs. Funny the little things you remember. We attended his wedding and I remember when Kara and Daniel were born. David was warm, bright and a lot of fun to be . I knew he would be a great principal. My deepest condolences, on his passing! However, I will cherish my memories of David. Bonni Langbord Vogel*

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**Bonni Vogel** - January 16, 2023 at 08:57 AM

RB

*David and I go way back when we both were teachers at Winona Dr. Sr. School. Not only was David an excellent teacher but he was an avid volleyball player. His family at the time and mine attended many social events and parties. He was always kind , cheerful and full of praise for others. He will be missed.*

*Ron Bartok*

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**Ronald Bartok** - January 16, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DM

*I was saddened when David's sister Sheila informed me of David's death. My condolences to Sheila, Kara, Dan and Marianne. Besides being cousins, David and I had at least one thing in common, we both had the same first and last name. Although I have many wonderful memories of David, the annual event that I always looked forward to was his Chanukah party at his apartment when I had an opportunity to spend a few hours chatting with all those in attendance. In addition David with the help of some others provided a delicious Chanukah meal. Although you are no longer with us, your kindness and thoughtfulness will truly be missed.*

*David Moscoe*

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**David Moscoe** - January 16, 2023 at 06:47 PM

LK

*My condolences to you, Daniel, on the loss of your father. I know how difficult it is to lose a dad. Seeing how amazing you are with the students I can guess how amazing your father was. May you be comforted among all mourners.*

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**Lisa Klug** - January 16, 2023 at 07:45 PM

LV

*" This is your friendly neighbor . . .," this was the way David announced himself when calling us on the phone. Indeed, he was the best and friendliest neighbor one could asked for. "Inclusiveness" was a concept he practiced passionately at his Chanukah brunches, BBQ parties and sundry events. The Moscoe touch was always in evidence! Fabulous memories accompany our deepest condolences to Marianne, Sheila, Leah, Kara & Dan. From Dorothy & Leonard Vis, his grateful neighbors at 500 Duplex*

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**Leonard & Dorothy Vis** - January 18, 2023 at 11:37 AM

JW

*Those 50 years went by in a "flash"! From badminton at Grenoble to tennis at "500", mayfair and Toronto Lawn, golf wherever, 17 club meds together, living at "500" too many great memories to include. Sympathies to Marianne, Sheila, Kara and Dan. A life well lived! John Welch.*

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**JOHN Welch** - January 23, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MJ

*Dear Sheila, I write this note to you as a North York colleague of David and on behalf of my late husband, Gary, who spoke warmly about you and your geniality on the many occasions he passed through the Air Canada gates at Pearson. David, too, was filled with geniality and generosity. I knew him as a principal who took great pride in building a school community where children and teachers soared to highest heights. In my early days as an administrator in a NY inner city school, he organized an end of calendar year clothing drive where children from Denlow donated to children of Firgrove.. With the collection, we could have clothe 3 schools of our size. This was just one gesture of kindness that I witnessed David giving to others over our years of collegiality. In his quiet way, he made big statements. He was top of class; a person of wisdom, a person of principle, a person to model. I was enriched by knowing him; the world is a lesser place without him. My deepest sympathy to you, to his children and to Marianne. Sincerely, Marguerite Jackson.*

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**Marguerite Jackson** - January 23, 2023 at 07:12 PM

PP

*I taught in David's school in Flemington Park. He hired me and when there were redundancies in North York, he informed me of a Peel Superintendent who was hiring. I was able to begin my career in Peel just after Xmas. Even though he knew that by giving me this info, he was going to lose me and have to hire someone to replace me half way through the year, he was a good enough leader and friend to let me go. I am forever indebted to him.*

*Yes, he was a partier! Our parent nights were always followed with him renting a hotel room and our staff parties would overflow late into the evening.*

*I still remember him pushing me in a grocery cart down some street in North Toronto.*

*My condolences to his family.*

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**pauline Pezzack** - April 23, 2023 at 05:51 PM