



## David William Priestley

May 15, 2023

David William Priestley died Monday, May 15 at Michael Garron Hospital after a 10 year struggle with Parkinson;s Disease and Dementia. He is survived by his spouse Kate Bleau, son Beckett, brothers Neill, Glenn and Ken; and sisters Barb (Brett), Joanne (O'Reilly), Paula (Naugle) and Laura Priestley. In lieu of flowers, donations to Michael Garron Hospital or Toronto Western Hospital Movement Disorder Clinic, would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I worked with David at BGM labs in the mid 80's , he was always upbeat and willing to share a quick jab at all times. I am sorry to find out. that he passed.

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**Bob Carnie** - February 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

PA

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**Paula** - May 25, 2023 at 09:53 AM

KJ

“ Growing up with Beckett as a neighbour, and brother I never had was one of the best parts of my childhood. With Beckett brought David, his father, into my life. David was soft spoken, caring and unapologetically himself. These were qualities that were so influential to me as a child and inspired me to be the truest form of myself as I have gotten older.

So much of who David was can be seen in Beckett now. From his taste in music, his passion for the Arizona cardinals, his loyalty to his family & friends, and his random facts he adds to every conversation. David will continue to have a presence in all of our hearts.

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**kiera jones** - May 22, 2023 at 03:59 PM

LB

*Oh, Kiera, I am in BITS reading this!! So beautiful, and what a tribute to both David and Beckett. xoxo LB*

Lindsay Bell - May 23, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BB

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barb brett - May 21, 2023 at 08:31 AM

LB

*OMG! Barb! This is fantastic!*

Lindsay Bell - May 21, 2023 at 06:38 PM

BB

*He always had a camera around his neck.*

barb brett - May 24, 2023 at 05:14 PM

LB

“ *When I think of David I think photography, art, museums, design, mid century modern aesthetic, film, travel, and mostly - of course - MUSIC - from punk to pop and everything in between. He was an incredible guy, and a good friend for 30 years. Yes, our son kept us together, but there were times when Beckett would be away at summer camp and David would come and hang out with me and my husband Drew for hours on the back deck - drinking beer, and talking about music and film. Those are treasured memories. Drew and I both miss him immensely. But we will always have a bit of David through Beckett. Pete Shelley sends his love, "And I'm Homosapien like you. And we're Homosapien too..."*

Lindsay Bell - May 20, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MB

“ I went to high school with David and spent a stint in the RCN with him. Basic training. He made High School tolerable and enjoyable. The Photo Club was our hangout. Along with Bruce and Lori H. we were a team. I don't know how true it is, but we seemed to do everything together. David was even a groomsman in my wedding. I only wish that life, as it evolves, didn't separate us so much. I eventually found David on Facebook, but again, life keeps you separated. My only wish was that I didn't have to be separated from really good people... and then they are gone. I can only hope that in the afterlife, there is a darkroom we can share again. My condolences to his wife and family. Rest in Peace David...

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Michael Beresford - May 20, 2023 at 04:33 PM

DK

“ My deepest condolences. I had a lot of great times with David (for some reason we called him Wally) working at Photo Hut and listening to music especially when he was drumming with the Dead Bunnies. David also took all the pictures at my wedding 38 years with one of which I was hanging yesterday. David Kealey

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david kealey - May 20, 2023 at 03:36 PM

LB

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Lindsay Bell - May 19, 2023 at 05:30 PM