



## Mr. Eric Butler

July 15, 2016

The family of Eric Butler sadly announces his passing on July 15, 2016 at the age of 83. Beloved Dad to Karen (Doug), Lisa (Shain) and Robyn. Proud Grandad to Cameron, Christopher, Benjamin and Nicholas. Our father was one of a kind, an avid canoeist, gardener and lover of animals and nature. He was known by all as a kind a generous person. We will miss his sharp wit, his hard earned wisdom, and his unwavering love and devotion to his family. As per his wishes, there will be no funeral. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Hi Girls. I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I am not sure if you remember our family - but our parents were good friends years ago when we lived on Masseygrove. I was going through the old neighbourhood about a year ago and your dad was out on the driveway so I stopped to say hi. It was nice to see him after all these years. He told me about his canoeing and he really seemed to be in good spirits and shape at the time. I am glad I had a few minutes to talk to him and reminisce about the old neighbourhood.

I have been through the loss of my parents as well - and no matter how old you are when they pass on it still feels as though you have been left a little alone - they are mom and dad - its hard to describe but moving up to the top of the family - so to speak - just seemed hard to accept for me.

Wish you all the best in getting over the loss of your dad.

Jeff Dyke

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jeff dyke - September 26, 2016 at 10:24 PM

DM

“ A Beloved Friend....since 1971.....I thanked Eric for being a part of the fabric of the magic carpet of life.....I heard him catch his breath ....as I spoke....He had such a dry wit, droll, so clever and quick....I miss him every bit....Much Love to three wonderful lovely daughters ...Karen ..Lisa....Robin...too....XO XO XO...to all who loved and respected Eric my deepest sympathies...! With Loving Respect.....Daria Mercer....



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Daria Mercer - September 13, 2016 at 01:45 PM

CB

“ oh! My dear friend! Pam and I were so saddened to read of your passing but were happy to remember the great times we had together in Australia. We feel privileged to count you as one of our closest and dearest friends. We both came together as young married couples, "green" to the rough and tumble of bustling, cosmopolitan Sydney - you (after a short period in Melbourne) from England and we from the unsophisticated country town of Cairns. We lived in adjacent flatettes in the same building and took to one another straight away.

We did many things together from outback camping to movies and the theatre. Being young with not much money, quite frequently we would just have dinner together and talk - solving the problems of the world - or watching television along with Terry and Barbara from Canada. You had the only television set so yours was the favourite meeting place. I think it is fair to say that we met at a time when we were "finding our feet" so we "grew" as human beings in those early days in Sydney.

Although time and distance kept us apart in recent years, we thought of you often and regaled others in conversation with "I remember when---and an event with Eric----would come to mind" It is interesting to note that you, a solid citizen with a conservative approach to life would develop into an adventurous outdoorsman. No doubt your excellent characteristics will be carried on through your children and it is to Karen, Robyn, Lisa and families that we send our heartfelt condolences.

Eric, memories of your friendship will last with us for our remaining years.

*Pam and Cedric Bamkin*

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**Cedric Bamkin** - August 13, 2016 at 10:37 PM

RK

“ So very sorry to hear of your dads passing. Ron and Enid Kellerman

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**Ron and Enid Kellerman** - August 09, 2016 at 09:44 AM

PE

“ *from uncle peter covil,eric spent many happy hollidays with auntie eileen and myself in his beloved yorkshire. i will remeber eric as a man who loved the challenge of the out doors,and who loved to travel the world.we had many a good time together.we shall miss x*

petercovill - July 26, 2016 at 06:14 PM

JB

“ *Karen, Lisa and Robyn, We send our condolences. We are thinking of you.*  
*Judith and Bill Boyle*

Judith Boyle - July 23, 2016 at 08:43 AM

 Karen  
Butler

“ *Dad I miss you so much. Tributes to you are flowing in from fellow outdoor enthusiasts and from people who knew you professionally. You were admired and respected, and you shared your knowledge and wisdom with all. I am grateful for the last few months we had with you, Lisa Robyn and were able to tell you how much we loved you. Although I am all grown up, I still needed your support and guidance.*



Karen Butler - July 21, 2016 at 05:15 PM

RS

“ I will always miss you. You help to make me smart , strong, independent woman .  
I had amazing opportunities to see many places with you and your sense of adventure lives on in me and Nicholas.  
Love you Dad

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**Robyn Senior** - July 20, 2016 at 01:10 PM

PB

What a super brother, Eric was a fantastic story teller, so interesting to listen too. We spent many nights in Spain listening to his wonderful stories, canoeing trails he took us on, and many trips, visiting all the cultural places he loved, pointing out places of interest. Magical trip to Gibraltar with myself, Eric and our late sister Eileen. I will miss him, but never forget him  
Rest in peace Eric, you were very special xx

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**Peter Butler** - July 24, 2016 at 01:42 PM

DS

*Karen, Lisa & Robin*

*We will sadly miss the visits by Eric not only to the UK but also our meet-ups in Toronto and Florida. Our memories with Eric are coloured by a cultural theatre visit in Toronto, adventurous canoeing in a Florida jungle (where he saved (our lives?) when we fell into the alligator infested waters and lost our canoe!), his extraordinary generosity (the day after he had purchased his new Firebird sports car insisted that we used it to go off on a 3 day trip around the lakes!) and not to mention the annual 'Lobster Fest' held in a vast warehouse by his high level steel fixer associates.*

*Eric was a remarkable raconteur and his stories gave us all a taste of his most interesting and adventurous life.*

*It was so unfortunate that Eric was not able to make his planned UK September trip for us to say a proper goodbye.*

*Auntie Dorothy & John*

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**Dorothy & John Short** - August 09, 2016 at 04:59 AM



*Saddened to hear of your dads passing.*

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**Ron and Enid Kellerman** - August 09, 2016 at 09:30 AM