



## Eric Nicholas Kuchmak

April 13, 2026

June 22, 1957 – April 13, 2026

Eric Nicholas Kuchmak passed away on April 13, 2026, in Toronto, Ontario, the city where he was born 68 years ago.

A man of extraordinary energy and an ever present smile, Eric had a truly charismatic personality that lit up every room he walked into. Self-described as "the Energizer Bunny," Eric directed his output towards his many passions that gave his life purpose.

A proud general contractor, Eric poured his heart and soul into his work. He was never one to turn down a job and the clients satisfaction always meant more to him than anything else. He was known for building genuine connections over the years forming relationships with clients that often stretched well beyond the job site.

Music was the soundtrack to Eric's life. A lifelong music lover and former college DJ, his taste spanned genres from classic rock to big band and everything in between. A direct contrast to his trade, Eric loved to get dressed up and ball room dance whenever the chance arose.

He shared a deep love of fly fishing with his son Nicholas, and the two made

unforgettable memories on fishing trips to Nunavut, Montana, British Columbia and beyond. But it was the many back country canoe trips in Algonquin Park with Nick and his friends that always got him the most excited.

Eric was devoted to his daughter Alicia in the way only a dad can be. The two shared a special love of movies and a lifetime of cosy film nights together. He adored his grandsons Wilder and Hart with his whole heart, and they brought him immeasurable joy. He will be missed in a way that words can barely hold.

#### SURVIVED BY

His son Nicholas and daughter-in-law Lianna; his daughter Alicia; his beloved grandsons Wilder and Hart; and his many beloved siblings.

#### PREDECEASED BY

His parents, Roman Kuchmak and Jean Kuchmak. Sister Roma Kuchmak. Brother William Kuchmak.

A private cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held in the coming months, with details to follow.

The family warmly invites friends, family, and anyone whose life Eric touched to leave a message below. Whether it's a memory, a story, or simply a few words, hearing from you truly means the world to Nick and the whole family during this time. Please don't hesitate to share.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests donations may be made to Lymphoma Canada.

# Tribute Wall

SR

“Deepest condolences to Eric's family at this difficult time. I had the privilege of knowing Eric as his dance teacher for over 15 years, and in that time, he became so much more than just a student to me. Every lesson we shared was filled with energy, laughter, and a genuine joy for learning. We always had fun together. Eric brought an incredible attitude with him every time he stepped onto the dance floor. Even when the patterns were complicated or took a bit more time to master, he never lost his positivity. I honestly can't recall a single moment of frustration—he simply kept going, steady and determined, until he got it. That kind of perseverance is rare. It speaks to who he was at his core: patient, optimistic, and quietly strong.

Eric loved to dance—all of it—but he had a special place in his heart for the Foxtrot. There was something about that smooth, timeless style that suited him so well. And when the music of Frank Sinatra or a classic big band started to play, he would have to dance! You could see he was in his element.

Eric didn't just share his love of dance—he loved to share all the things that brought him joy. He would often tell myself & Terri, his dance partner and friend, about his fishing trips, and it was clear how much he loved it. With enthusiasm and a lot of patience, he would try to explain how to make fishing lures to us—never mind that we weren't fishermen ourselves. He never gave up on trying to teach us, and those moments always brought a lot of laughter.

Eric always arrived to class smartly dressed—dress pants, dress shirt, and vest was his signature outfit. Definitely my best dressed student! He would often say how nice it was to clean up and dress sharp after a long day on the job site. It was part of who he was: taking pride in himself and in the experience.

He was also incredibly kind to others. Even as an advanced dancer, he never looked down on others. He made a point to dance with everyone, no matter their skill level, and especially made beginner students feel welcome and included. Not surprisingly, he was very popular—people were drawn to his warmth and generosity.

Over the years, it wasn't just about steps or technique. It was about the laughter all three of us shared every single lesson.

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*Our relationship grew beyond teacher and student. We shared stories, especially about our families, and I quickly learned how important being a dad and a grandad was to Eric. He was so incredibly proud of his family. His love for his family came through every time he spoke of them.*

*Eric will be deeply missed—not just as a student, but as a friend, and as someone who brought light & laughter into every room he entered.*

*I feel truly grateful to have been part of his journey, and I will always remember him.*

*Thank you, Eric. It was an honor to dance with you.*

*My husband Peter, sends his condolences too. So sorry for your loss.*

*Susie*

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**Susie Roach** - May 05 at 01:03 PM

PP

“*Eric was a neighbor directly across the street from us for about 35 years. We had the pleasure of watching Eric and Carol's family grow into young adults and Nick having a family of his own.*

*Everyone knows Eric's work was that of a professional craftsman. He completed countless upgrades in our home to perfection over the years and made minor repairs when requested.*

*Not being a fisherman, Eric's passion for fishing was front and centre when he regaled us with his fishing stories. He also loved dancing and music which was always playing in his home when entering his house.*

*Seeing his 2 trucks still sitting in the driveway of his home it his hard to comprehend that he is not still there.*

*We miss him every day, his energy, his enthusiasm and most of all his loyalty as a friend.*

*So long for now until we meet again.*

*Paul & Sharon Pryne*

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**Paul Pryne** - April 29 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ After Eric moved in next door we became friends. We became very close over the last 10 years or so and I found myself looking on him as the younger brother I never had. He often called me his best friend. That was heartwarming but I realize in his many stories he referred to most as his best friend. He had many of those. I miss our euchre games with Jim and Paul. He would call me and say "isn't it time we whipped those two accross the road." And we usually did. I miss our long talks when we discussed everything, often fishing or canoe trips. No matter what the subject was he had a story/or two. Both of us had great stories. Sometimes I got to finish mine. As we became closer he would often call and ask me over. He had a problem (big or small) and he wanted my advise. After two or three beers and a lengthy talk he often seemed to forget what the problem was. No advice required. I miss his energy, his enthusiasm, his love of life and his love of family and friends. Most of all little brother I just miss you...Bill Caslor

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**Bill Caslor** - April 28 at 09:18 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Eric's family. Eric was a great person - always full of energy. We have fond memories of trips to the cottage and him taking our young girls on their first motor boat ride, and a fishing trip where he helped Jim land a 42 inch pike without a net. It remains mounted on our wall. Eric's carpentry skills and joy of fishing are captured forever in the attached photos. Thanks for the memories Buddy! Jim & Dru Edgeworth. You will be missed.



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**Jim Edgeworth** - April 27 at 04:13 PM

SM

“ We are deeply saddened by this news about Eric. Eric was the only contractor we ever worked with. Over the years he renovated almost every room in our house and while doing so, became a friend of the entire family including our cavalier spaniel who Eric paid special attention to. Eric was a perfectionist in his work and we were the lucky homeowners. We heard many stories of how he loved to fly fish and canoe with his son and spend weekends with his daughter planning their dinners and movies. It was obvious how much he treasured these times. Eric was very kind to me when my father died 3 years ago. And I imagine he was a super star on the dance floor with the energy he could commit to anything he put his mind to. I am so sorry that Eric was sick. I'd like to send my deepest condolences to his children Nick and Alica and family. I would very much like to attend a celebration of Eric's life. You can reach me at [Sue1.manson@gmail.com](mailto:Sue1.manson@gmail.com). From Sue, Roy, Laura and Jennifer

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**Sue Manson** - April 27 at 12:59 AM

DS

“ I will forever see Eric singing along while he worked in Jenny's house. He showed a strong determination when he had a job in mind. I think he got a lot of satisfaction from a job well-done (and I related to him in this way). Generous with his knowledge on how to do a job in the best possible way was Eric's way. Eric's happy-go-lucky way of being brought up the energy in our house. He is very much missed in the lives he touched in the Smele family. Rest in peace, Eric.

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**Diane Smele** - April 26 at 10:55 AM

CA

“ *Life is full of chapters and I am grateful for the 30 years we had together. You live on in our beautiful children and our grandsons who adored their Grandpa !  
You can put your hammer down now Eric and Rest in Peace.*

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**Carol** - April 25 at 07:27 AM



“ *Eric had the same spirit as the energizer bunny, he was always on the go. I remember fondly how he loved to talk about fishing. At Nick and Lianna's wedding he had not seen my (late) husband Jack for a few years, but once they got together, they talked fishing for quite some time....it was a love they both shared. He will be missed by all of us. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Kuchmak family. Sending love and hugs.....Jane Mitton-MacLean xoxoxo*

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**Jane Mitton-MacLean** - April 24 at 05:28 PM

ER

“ *We have known Eric for almost 30 years! He did work at our home. He was a detailed, honest and skilled tradesman.  
Over the years we have had many life conversations. He loved his family deeply. He always told us about the times he spent fishing with Nick or the father/daughter dates with Alicia.*

*He was a beautiful, kind, light filled human. We are blessed to have known him all these years.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Sending hugs to you guys through this difficult time. ❤️❤️❤️*

*Elizabeth, Fausto and team Dimovski Dental*

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**Elizabeth Dimovski-Della Rovere** - April 23 at 04:48 PM

DD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Nick. You and your family are in our thoughts.

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**Diana Duong** - April 23 at 03:17 PM

BH

“ best friend and dancer around

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**barbara hodgkinson** - April 23 at 02:03 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear your sad news. My thought and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

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**Aimee Barretto** - April 23 at 08:53 AM

MA

“ Our condolences to you Nick and your family on the loss of your Dad.  
He will be sadly missed by all.  
Pat and Madge O'Neill

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**Madge** - April 23 at 07:55 AM

MM

“ Nick Lianna & family we are so sorry for your loss thinking of you all at this difficult time . Dan & Margaret

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**Margaret McMahan** - April 21 at 08:08 PM

JM

“ Eric had a heart of gold! He was always sincere, kind, and a man of integrity. Whatever he did, he did it with every ounce of energy and focus. I remember him telling me about his father, Roman Kuchmak, and how he owed him a debt of gratitude for teaching him about carpentry, and instilling in him a strong work ethic. He truly loved and respected his father.

And Eric passed on that love to his family. He worked hard to provide for them, and he did his best to slow down and spend quality time with each one.

I will miss his smile, his stories, his laughter, and his passion for life. All my love to the family, as you mourn the passing of a wonderful man.

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**Jonathan Mills** - April 21 at 04:35 PM

JM

“ Our condolences to the whole family! Eric was the most enthusiastic euchre player at all family gatherings. He was also the best uncle at Otty Lake as he took each kid fishing whether they wanted to go or not! And he taught me how to disco at the young age of 15. He will be missed for sure. Love and Hugs from Aunt Jan

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**Janice Mills** - April 21 at 03:31 PM

RM

Rick and I were thinking of you all while we were away and heard of Eric's passing. We are so sorry for your great loss. We will remember you on many occasions Eric but pulling up to our dock and celebrating yours and Rick's birthday on the same day was a good one. May you rest in peace Eric  
Rick and Ann Martin

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**Rick and Ann martin** - May 02 at 11:14 PM

DD

“ Eric's enthusiasm for conversation and story-telling was contagious. His company will be greatly missed. We love you guys xoxo - Dayna

Dayna Deruelle - April 21 at 12:18 PM

CS

“ I am Jen's mum and I have very fond memories of Eric. His story telling was uniek and very entertaining. I had the privilege of being the recipient of his wonderful skills. We have spent time together with Jen on a boat tour on his beloved Grand river. Eric is going to be greatly missed in my family.  
My deepest condolences to Eric's family.  
Cornelia Smele

cornelia smele - April 21 at 10:54 AM

SP

Our long time backyard neighbour, always ready to stop work and have a chat over the fence. Our condolences to Nick and Alicia.  
Graham and Sylvia Porter

Sylvia Porter - April 23 at 07:52 PM

HK

“ Nick, please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. Halyna



Halyna Kravtsova - April 21 at 09:34 AM

NI

“ I will miss you Eric. You may have been my sister's father-in-law, but after 23 years, there were many memories made in my heart as well. You were one-of-a-kind and you live on in Nick, Alicia, Wilder and Hart. Forever in our thoughts - Nicole & family

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**Nicole** - April 20 at 01:33 PM