



Frederick Maurice Weston

November 17, 2020

Frederick (Rick) Maurice Weston, 83 of Toronto passed away peacefully amongst family on Tuesday November 17th, 2020

Rick was most proud of the impact he had on those closest to him, as well as the profound contributions to society made through his various business endeavours. He was a unique and passionate father, grandfather and business leader, and he will be missed by many.

He is survived by Shauna, Andrew, Joe and Carrie, and grandchildren Abby, Claire and Harper.

The family will be holding a virtual memorial service on Sunday November 22nd, 11:00am. Please email RickWestonMemorial@gmail.com to request a link to the virtual memorial service.

In memory of Rick, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (memorialvirtuel.ca/qc/en/about/).

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *My sincerest wishes of sympathy to the family at this sad time.*

Teresa Birznieks - November 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM

AL

“ Rick is the type of man that made an impression on everyone when he walked into any room. I first met him when I was sixteen...

Rick had a commanding presence and was always full of confidence and humour. He obviously accomplished a tremendous amount but he always showed a fine balance of being serious while also displaying that famous Rick Weston sense of humour. I think his laugh (that we will always remember!) captured his personality well.

My most vivid and favorite memories of Rick were up at the farm across from Osler. When Drew and I would wake up in the mornings Rick would be up already in his ski pants and sweater holding a cup of coffee while starting to make breakfast for all of us. Eggs and hot sauce for breakfast were his breakfast specialty which he made for us before sitting down at the head of the table to read his paper and begin chatting with us. He would then drive us across the street for a day of skiing. When the day of skiing was over, he would pick us up and it was soon time for the famous fireside chats. A glass of scotch in his hands and his feet up facing the fireplace and then came the stories... And you can only imagine the stories that Rick told-- stories of when he was our age, the type of jobs he did, the exploits he had with his friends, and of course there would be some pieces of advice sprinkled in between for us as well. Eventually, he would retire from the living room and go upstairs to bed to allow us to spend some time on our own. We would then wake up the next morning to another day and perhaps a new egg recipe or his famous Texas Chili waiting for us at the table once again...

Rick taught us about responsibility, perseverance and toughness, and I was happy to learn even more about this great man in the slideshow at the service today especially about he got his job at Pitney Bowes. That is Rick Weston and the more I learn about him even now the more I can understand about the type of character he had-- the resolve, the diligence and sense of responsibility that he has definitely passed onto Drew. These are lessons that I will take

away as well...

Rick will always be missed by anyone who knew him yet he is the type of man that we will always be talking about forever...

At some point, it will be time to celebrate Rick's life... And anyone who has known him will know that there will be a lot to celebrate to about...

Love and my deepest condolences to Shauna, Drew and their respective families from all of us here.

Alex, Leslie, Elle, Mia, and Michaela Lempp.

Alex Lempp - November 22, 2020 at 01:36 PM

AN

Thank you so much Alex for your kind words. Dad always loved spending time and debating with you on so many topics. Those weekends at osler are amongst my favourite memories. Thank you and all the best you and the whole crew.

Andrew - November 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM

GW

“ He was a great man, a one of a kind. His cup was always 3/4 full....1/2 full was for pessimists in his way of thinking. I will miss the conversations around the kitchen table.

Graham Westwood - November 22, 2020 at 12:33 PM

AN

Totally agree! Thank you Graham and take care.

Andrew - November 22, 2020 at 02:56 PM

“ Rick Weston found something that I hope everyone finds during their life.

Nine years ago, business brought us together but our weekly Friday or Saturday lunch at Scaccia gave us a chance to become friends. Rick sincerely loved Shauna and Andrew. He was immensely proud of their personal and professional achievements.

Notwithstanding success in his business endeavours, what I learned was that through his AMS solution, Rick had found that the purpose of life is to be useful to others. To be useful to people you hadn't met before, to be useful to people without a quid pro quo. Whenever we would discuss how the new 21st century AMS could happen, Rick would get passionately emotional telling me about the people he had met whose lives had changed for the better from using the AMS program.

AMS was an unequivocal success.

Rick had helped thousands upon thousands of people he never met change their habits and improve their lives. This was the motivation that sincerely drove Rick forward through a more than two decade challenge with cancer at Stage 4. Rick knew that on a large scale, AMS would be useful to whole swaths of people all over the world. Never once did Rick discuss with me how much money he would personally make when we discussed the opportunity at hand.

We had a wonderful conversation at his apartment in August after the diagnosis that the cancer had spread to his brain. Rick wasn't scared of dying and was at peace with things he had done in his life and the things he was still trying to accomplish because he had found the purpose of life. He didn't feel his efforts with the new AMS were in vain.

Rick lived a very full and interesting life. I learned a lot from Rick for which I am eternally grateful. I expected he would live till 99 just like

his mum because of his indomitable spirit, so that's why it is sad that he left us early.

*"There is an afterlife. Your afterlife is experienced by those who know you in the stories that are told about you after your death."
(Philosopher Simon Critchley)*

Rick Weston will have a grand afterlife.

Peter D'Cruz - November 22, 2020 at 10:59 AM

AN

Thank you again Peter for your contribution today to a wonderful celebration of Dad's life.

Andrew - November 22, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RB

*“ I was saddened when I learned of Rick's passing away, having only known him for a short time.
Please accept my heartfelt condolence
Bob Baker*

Robert Baker - November 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM

DG

“ I had the great good fortune of knowing Rick AKA (Pewee) for over 40 years. During that time we skied, sailed, vacationed, dined, drank and pontificated about almost anything worth discussing. In my books he will always be a marvelous character. Rick adored his family. He loved business discussions and never took "it can't be done" for an answer. He had a unique perspective on many things and was never afraid to share his thoughts. My wife Lisa thought he had the best laugh she had ever heard. We will miss him dearly and think of him often. Doug and Lisa Gillis

Doug Gillis - November 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AN

Thank you Doug very much. Your friendship and support for Dad was unwavering for more than 4 decades. He was truly fortunate to have you in his corner for so long. Take care.

Andrew - November 22, 2020 at 03:00 PM

GM

“ I was very sad to learn of Rick’s passing this morning. He and I had a lot of fun coming up with different ideas for business opportunities. We never actually did one, but I am pretty sure we both enjoyed the process of conspiring as much as we would have executing. I also know for sure that he enjoyed the opportunity to share some mentorship and advice to a younger fellow dealing with business issues he had dealt with many times. We fell out of touch over the last few years but his influence remains.

Gordon McCauley

Gordon McCauley - November 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ It has been an honour and a pleasure over the past few years, working closely with Rick to help him re-launch his very successful company, which had helped tens of thousands of habitual smokers across North America to learn to manage, control and earn former smoker status, and in doing so was responsible for saving thousands of lives. Rick was truly passionate about reviving his program and extending the positive outcomes to a much broader audience, and I am pleased to say that the team he attracted to join him in this quest, myself included, are poised to make his dream a reality and fulfil his legacy with his wonderful spirit and vision guiding us. This is a man who truly left this world a better place than he found it. We will miss you Rick!

With love and respect,

Ted Farley

Ted Farley - November 20, 2020 at 10:51 AM

AN

Thank you Ted and thank you for your kind words today. Take care

Andrew - November 22, 2020 at 03:00 PM