



James McKinlay

March 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James McKinlay, 72, on March 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born to Harold and Marian McKinlay in Forest Ontario, James (Jim) was predeceased by his parents and his cherished wife, Susan McKinlay. He leaves behind his beloved children, Dan (married to Katrina) and Jennifer (married to Tyler), who were the pride and joy of his life, as well as his adored grandchildren, Cameron and Leah, who brought him endless joy.

Jim is also survived by his brother, Doug McKinlay (Jean), his brother-in-law, David Macdonald, and numerous nieces and nephews who all held a special place in his heart.

He was an avid golfer and spent the better part of the past 40 years golfing at Spring Lakes Golf Club in Stouffville, where he formed lifelong friendships and was known for his long driving ability. His love for the game was only surpassed by his devotion to his family.

In his earlier years, Jim found immense joy in coaching his children's youth sports teams, instilling a love of sports and teamwork in them. He was a dedicated father who treasured the many road trips to the Southern US (Alabama, Myrtle Beach, Florida, Hilton Head), where his family made lasting memories.

Jim took great pride in maintaining a meticulous lawn and snow free driveway, no weed or piece of ice was ever safe. He was truly selfless and was always willing to lend a hand at the drop of a pin, whether it was home renovations or large painting projects, he always insisted on helping out.

Jim will be greatly missed, but his memory will forever be cherished by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

Tribute Wall

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“ We have lost a wonderful neighbour. He and Sue showed us so much kindness over the years on Colonsay Road Thornhill. We shall miss him.

Condolences to the family. Louise and Gordon Patterson.

Gordon Patterson - April 15, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ It was an honour to care for James at Margaret Bahen Hospice. On behalf of the entire Margaret Bahen Hospice team, please accept our deepest sympathies. www.myhospice.ca

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