



Mr. Karl Edward Grafstrom

March 31, 2017

On Friday, March 31, Karl passed away peacefully, of Pneumonia at Toronto General Hospital beside his wife Laurie and son Kevin. Karl will be remembered for many things. He was a loved and treasured son of Vernes and Mavia (nee Hanscombe) Grafstrom and a wonderful and loving dad to his son, Kevin. He was also a loving and protective husband and friend to his wife Laurie and family and a cherished and lovingly remembered brother of Erik and his sisters Emily and Victoria (predeceased). He was also a much loved and cherished son in law of Raymond and Barbara (nee Cryderman) Leblanc and a loved friend and dear brother-in-law to Cathy and Sam, Gord and Nancy, Chris and Sue, and Cyndi and Frank. He was also a loved and special Uncle to his 13 nieces and nephews and their children, who, like all of us have some very special memories of Karl. Karl will also be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his many buddies, friends, and colleagues.

Karl had many outstanding professional accomplishments and he was grateful for all of the kindness, respect and support that he received from his colleagues.

Karl was extraordinary in many ways. He was a talented musician and pianist. He was incredibly smart and although rough around the edges, he was one of a kind. At the core, he was a kind person with a great capacity to care about

his family, friends and colleagues.

Our family would like to thank the wonderful staff at both St. Michaels and Toronto General Hospitals for all of your efforts. Your help and support was, and is much appreciated.

A memorial will be held at a later date to commemorate Karl's memory. Details are pending and will be made available when possible. In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations can be made to Covenant House, Toronto, (covenanthouse.ca) or 416-598-4898. If you wish, please do feel free to post your thoughts, memories or photos of Karl on this site.

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“ To a dear and fearless brother,

I shall deeply miss not to see or hear from you again. You were very talented person in so many ways, an accomplished visual artist, a fist class musician and able business man. With your quick intelligence, you understood the workings of the world in a direct and sometimes blunt way. Disdaining pretension with a biting humour, I can think of no one who could equal the hilarity of one of your stories, delivering a particular insight to how we as human beings behave.

Underlying your talents and non conformist personality, was a strong personal loyalty to your family and friends, under cover but it could always be felt and I knew was always there. We lived far apart and I regretted we could not be closer, numerous times suggesting you move out to BC. But we knew the difficulties of moving our families.

The last few visits you made to BC were memorable and a delight to Sheila and your nieces and nephews... preparing dinner, listening to your piano playing, sometimes breaking out in song, your edgy humour ... we had a much too brief chance to soak in the vitality of your presence. Yes, you are missed Karl by all your relatives and friends in BC. The world is a lesser place to not have you in it. Wherever you spirit may be, I hope there will come a time we meet again.

Love from your brother Erik, and my family, Sheila, Gilles, Uttam, Nikolas and Viktoria.

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