



Mr. Kenneth Roy McCallion

January 14, 2018

Kenneth Roy McCallion, born April 17, 1955, died January 14, 2018. He was the proud and loving father of Elizabeth and Alison, and devoted partner of Namjilmaa Saandar. He was also the father of Alexandra Laureate-Gabriel. Ken was born to Irene Phinney (deceased 2002) and adopted by his parents, William J. McCallion (deceased 1998) and Jean B. McCallion (née Bacon). He was eldest of four siblings; he is survived by Nancy, Douglas and Cheryl. He also had a half-brother, Alan Cowdery, a son of Irene Phinney, of whom he was fond.

Ken earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University, followed by his Master of Arts degree in Psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (University of Toronto). He was first registered/licensed with the College of Psychologists in 1998 (Adolescent & Adult Forensic), then completed additional competencies in 2003 (Child & Adolescent Clinical Psychology, School Psychology) and 2014 (Adult Clinical Psychology.) He worked in various settings, including government, schools, and hospitals, prior to setting up his private practice in Toronto. He loved his work and was dedicated to his clients, often working late into the night and even taking time during family vacations to ensure that his clients received the best care possible. More recently, he lectured in clinical psychology at the Adler Graduate Professional School, where he felt especially at home in the academic setting.

Ken loved the outdoors and volunteered with Camp Outlook (a canoe-tripping

program for at-risk youth) while a student at Queen's University. He renewed his connection and provided training to new "Outlookers" in recent years. The girls recall many a canoe trip with their father, where he was diligent in providing paddling instruction and teaching them songs at the campfire. He also loved swimming, cycling, running, and yoga, but these pursuits were curtailed in the last few years as his health concerns progressed. He continued to enjoy the Beaches Jazz Festival and listening to recordings of his all-time favorite musician, Stan Rogers. Namjilmaa was attentive and caring to the end. Ken was surrounded by his family when he passed away.

A memorial service is planned for April 2018. Please contact Alison McCallion at alison918@live.ca for details.

His daughters would like to express their deep gratitude for the friends and family members who made contributions both in cash and in kind to defray expenses at this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Michael's Hospital Foundation or Fontbonne Ministries would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ He was such a nice man, and incredibly gifted at his work. I just looked him up to see if he was still in practice, and was so sad to see he'd passed away two years ago. My heartfelt condolences to his friends and family.

JonArno Lawson

JonArno Lawson - December 29, 2020 at 10:31 AM

DO

“ I was a cloent of his. He was a very good therapist. I meant to go to the funeral, but thought that there was not enough space. I found out there was roo. too late. I wanted to tell everyone that he really helped me. I wish he was still alive, because a good therapist is hard to find. I am giving money to St. Michael's hospital because I thonl he would like that. He will always be in my mind. Rest in peace.

Dorsa - January 19, 2020 at 03:19 AM

JA

“ Thank you Ken, for the gift of hope you instilled in me, i have no doubt you were an excellent therapist to your clients, i hope your journey onwards is a peaceful and freeing one.



janet - May 27, 2018 at 09:06 PM

SO

How did you know ken?

Saige Orion - September 29, 2018 at 12:57 AM

JR

“ I met Ken when he became partners with Namjilmaa. I thought he was such a nice person - interesting to talk to, kind and supportive to Namjilmaa and her son. I thought it was wonderful that they had both met their soulmates. I was so sorry when his illness progressed so rapidly. I will try to upload some photos from a Christmas celebration - happy memories. My condolences to Namjilmaa, Erdene, family and friends. He was blessed to have all of you by his side to support him in his final illness.

Janet Roscoe - April 17, 2018 at 07:38 AM

SO

I'm curious what you mean by "met his soulmate"?

Saige Orion - September 29, 2018 at 12:53 AM

JR

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Janet Roscoe - April 17, 2018 at 06:41 AM

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Janet Roscoe - April 17, 2018 at 06:40 AM

TG

“ I got to know Ken through Camp Outlook and also was a housemate of Ken's for a time at 96 Earl in Kingston. I was very sad to hear about Ken's passing. Ken was a warm, kind and good natured guy with a good sense of humor. I was always impressed by his concientious spirit and the depth of his care and concern for others. I am sure he was a great therapist and gave his best to support others on their journey. My sympathy goes out to his family.

Tim Greenwood - April 11, 2018 at 02:43 PM

SH

“ I am greatly saddened to acknowledge Ken's untimely passing. My deepest condolences to his daughters and partner, as well as other family members past and present. He was a very earnest and intellectual person, always committed to doing the right thing. I remember him foremost for the kindness he (and then wife Christine) showed me when I struggled in Belleville in my first "real" job. He is very much missed, and fondly so. Peace, Ken.

Sterling Holmes - February 07, 2018 at 07:26 PM

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“ Bryanna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Roy McCallion



Bryanna - January 30, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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“ I met Ken through mutual friends and Camp Outlook. Sharing our interests in psychology, we stayed in touch over the years until just last spring, when Ken reached out to consult on a work-related matter. We had enjoyed many such professional contacts over the years, sprinkled between Outlook reunions and sharing news of mutual friends. Ken was a very highly principled man, smart, inquisitive, exacting and dedicated to pursuing the best for his clients. In our last conversation, he seemed to have triumphed over some of his health concerns, so I was deeply saddened to hear of his recent death. My sympathy goes out to all his family members, close friends and clients who will miss his presence in their daily lives.

*Barbara (Rude) Roberts
East Lansing, MI*

Barbara (Rude) Roberts - January 29, 2018 at 04:31 PM