



## Laurie Allen Roberts

December 16, 2023

LAURIE ALLEN ROBERTS (August 25, 1948 – December 16, 2023), son of Ernest “Pete” and Mary “Pearl” Roberts, brother to Russell “Rusty”(Sandra). Laurie passed away peacefully at Toronto General Hospital supported by the love of his family and friends. He is survived by his children, James, Katharine (Robin) MacLean and Kelly (Tristan) Terkuc as well grandchildren, Ryan, Emma, Matthew & William MacLean and Jacob & Danika Terkuc, his nieces Lara (Brook Kavanagh) & Hayle Roberts. Laurie was predeceased by his granddaughter Janna Terkuc.

Laurie’s family moved to Toronto in 1953 from Nakina, Ontario and in 1954 settled in the Silverthorn area of Toronto. Laurie remained in the family home until his death. He attended Silverthorn E.S., York Memorial H.S., Humber College and finally York University. Laurie was very active in his community. He was deeply involved in gathering the history of Silverthorn E.S. as well as participating in the local BIA and helping with events such as the Weston Santa Claus Parade.

Laurie’s entrepreneurial spirit saw him self-employed in the sign industry. He opened his home to international students for many years. Laurie was an avid genealogist. He enjoyed exploring his family history and he would visit historically significant locations on his travels and make connections with people all over the world. Whether it was road trips with his van and

motorcycle, a visit with friends or family or jet setting across the world, he was up for it all. He particularly enjoyed spending time in western Canada and in Wales, places he had great connection to. Laurie loved music and would often be found playing his guitar or out listening to jazz at Grossman's Tavern. He took great pleasure in good conversation and sharing stories and memories.

A celebration of life is to be planned in the new year, if you wish to be kept informed please leave your contact information using this [LINK](#).

In lieu of flowers or donations please consider performing a random act of kindness; say yes to that next adventure or opportunity; share a story, a song, or make time to connect with family and friends in memory of Laurie.

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ I met Laurie in Daytona Beach, Florida way back in 1977. We have shared numerous adventures over the years. Only recently we learned we share a common ancestor making us very distant cousins.

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**William "Bilbo" Schmid** - January 27, 2024 at 07:50 PM

RC

“ Laurie was a neighbor, and a friend where you were always welcome with an open door policy just like it always was in the good old days. We spent hrs talking about camping and traveling he met up with us in Texas and up in Port Severn. He was a people person and was an original in the Silverthorn area. He will be missed greatly. I'm sure he would like us all who knew him to have a glass of cheer in him memory...

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**Ron Crook** - January 18, 2024 at 11:17 AM

RC

“ Laurie was my stepfather for over 30 years. Although we hadn't been in contact in recent years, he was my only 'father'. It seems quite strange to not have been included in his obituary, the brief overview of his life. But I suppose some things don't have to be spoken about. There are large parts of my life that include Laurie, parts that I will never forget. The start of his sign business gave me my first job. His signs welcomed my children into the world as he was my children's grandfather, especially Rhys. His health concerns over the years were all big ones. Brain aneurysm, heart valves, old hips. Even the less important injuries, the self-inflicted kind, like when he tried to dig out a pool in the backyard by hand. His travels were always a part of the conversation, for better or worse. And we all knew he didn't want to see snow. He did have a way with people, and he would speak to anyone and everyone who would listen. And he did make strangers feel like they were special. I am glad that everyone has special memories of Laurie. I would have liked to have had one last conversation with him, tie up some loose ends and say some final words. I am taken aback by the feelings of loss I have for Laurie, the finality has hit and it has made me realize how fast time goes and how it isn't worth waiting on things that you want to do or say. You never know when it might be too late!

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**Rachael Clarke** - January 08, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JM

I met Laurie in Port Aransas, Texas in 2015, & we became good, fast friends. We talked quite a bit through the years. The last time we talked he was in the hospital & sadly, he didn't leave this time. My heart is heavy I will never hear his voice again or see him. I can't believe he's gone. He was an interesting & interested man. He loved to travel the world & meet new friends. I always loved talking to him & truly loved him. I miss him a lot. Rest in peace my sweet friend. You'll live forever in my heart.

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**Jan McNuu** - January 12, 2024 at 08:13 PM

MG

“ I met Laurie in Grade 7 at Silverthorn public School. We have been best friends ever since. In our mid teens we used to try to stay out of trouble at the Yorkville village. Went skinny dipping in Lake Simcoe one evening and lost my glasses. As I was the only driver in the group Laurie became my eyes on the 400 coming home. It was only a 4 lane highway in those days. Spent a lot of weekends at Sauble Beach with him and my brother. We lost touch once both of us got married but always found each other when he came home from his travels. I talked to him in late November and was supposed to go see him but lacked transportation. I have always considered Laurie my best friend and will surely miss him. I would love to come to Laurie's celebration of life if someone would pass this on to Jamie or someone to give me a location and date. please call or text 705-441-0570



Michael Gnoyke

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Michael Gnoyke - January 02, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ Laurie was one of those people who knew the way people are supposed to treat each other and was still surprised when they did not. I loved that optimism. It was always painful for me when I had to explain to him just how easy it is to be devious. I will miss him dearly.  
John



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John Curtis - December 30, 2023 at 04:00 PM

JA

“ *If I'm the first one to have to say that he is the most special man in my whole life he has taught me so much and also being the person that I have to say is the most interesting person that I've ever known. I love you dad see you later.*

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**jamie** - December 23, 2023 at 01:35 PM