



Mr. Matthew Connell MacKenzie

November 22, 2016

Matthew Connell MacKenzie, 79, of Oshawa, Ontario, passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on November 22, 2016, at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

No ceremony will be held at this time. A celebration of Matt's life will be held in the new year on a date to be announced.

Matt was born in Glasgow, Scotland on February 18, 1937. He began his lifelong career as a painter in Scotland, England and Wales, before joining family members in Toronto in the mid-sixties. In 1970 he moved to Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories (now Iqaluit, Nunavut), where he lived until 1985. In 1972 he met his future wife, Monica Connolly, in Iqaluit: they were married in Cobourg, Ontario, on July 29, 1983. In 1985, the couple moved to Ontario, where they eventually settled with Monica's mother in her childhood home in Oshawa. Matt gradually retired from his painting career in his seventies, but continued as an artist until his final illness.

Matt loved the Arctic and its people. He was an avid outdoorsman and frequently took part in snowmobile trips on the land and sea ice in winter and hiking, camping and fishing activities in the summer. He resumed a former interest in painting pictures, and became an ardent landscape artist, concentrating on scenes from Baffin Island and the Highlands of Scotland. In both career and avocation he became known for an excellent sense of colour. In addition to artistry and outdoor life, Matt was deeply interested in music and film, and read extensively on history and art. He was always a dog lover, and

owned an Old English Sheepdog, a Scottie, and several Bouviers in his adult life.

Matt is survived by his wife, Monica Connolly, his brother, Joseph (late Catherine) MacKenzie of Toronto, sisters Elizabeth Cairney and Marilyn (late David) McDonald of East Kilbride, Scotland, and Jeannette (Michael) Adams of Downham Market, England, sister-in-law Sheila (late Alexander) MacKenzie of Mississauga, Ontario, brother-in-law Michael (Joanne Beatson) Connolly of Sydenham, Ontario, his beloved nieces and nephews and their families, and many other relatives and friends.

Matt was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Elizabeth MacKenzie and an infant brother, Donald, all of Glasgow, Scotland, brother Alexander (Sheila) MacKenzie of Streetsville, Ontario, sister-in-law Catherine (Joseph) Higgins MacKenzie of Toronto, and mother-in-law Marjorie (late Leo) Connolly of Oshawa.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Odette Cancer Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M4N 3M5, or a charity of your choice.

The family of Matthew Connell MacKenzie wishes to thank Dr. Farhad Pirouzmand and Dr. May Tsao of Sunnybrook Hospital and the excellent nursing staff on C6, Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Matthew's spirit lives on in all of us! He was our neighbour and he always made us laugh. He liked to tell jokes and stories from his past. He was an amazing artist. He gave my mom free art lessons. So kind always willing to extend his hand in helping where he could. We miss his energy, jokes, stories and laughter. Matthew was a very likable person. We know we will see him again when it will be our time. Now, we cherish memories of a wonderful man who enjoyed living, laughing and loving. God Bless you Matthew may you rest in peace.*

Love Susan, Emerson and Joanne xo

Joanne - December 06, 2016 at 08:56 PM

GH

“ *Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Monica and the MacKenzie clan on Mathew's departure from this world. He was a good, kind and generous friend and neighbour and we will always remember him for the fun chats we used to have on the verandah of our house in Oshawa. Journey on Matthew, wherever you are, in peace and tranquility!*

Lang may your lum reek!

Gwen and Mike

Gwen and Mike Hook - December 01, 2016 at 04:07 PM

ID

“ *Fond memories of Matt staying with us at our house in Sharon while he did some interior painting for us back in 2005.*



Isobel Dunsmore - November 28, 2016 at 03:34 PM

SF

“ *Will miss you Matt.*

<https://youtu.be/6Y5mcLxISgU>

susan Fowler - November 27, 2016 at 11:47 AM

SM

“ *Sonja Van Maanen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew Connell MacKenzie*



Sonja van Maanen - November 26, 2016 at 12:51 PM

AM

“ *When death's dark stream I ferry o'er,
A time that surely shall come;
In Heaven itself I'll ask no more,
Than just a Highland welcome.
Robbie Burns
(From Anna)*

Anna Myers - November 26, 2016 at 12:46 PM

LC

“ Love from The MacKenzie Clan & The Cabrals purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. Matthew Connell MacKenzie.



Love from The MacKenzie Clan & The Cabrals - November 25, 2016 at 07:21 PM

SM

“ Sheila Mackenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew Connell MacKenzie



sheila mackenzie - November 25, 2016 at 12:20 PM

SM

We love you Matt. Hope you don't growl at the angels. I'm sure they will love you too. Good Bye for now.

sheila mackenzie - November 25, 2016 at 12:25 PM

KL

Fond memories of the Bouv Get Together with Cluny, yourself and Matt. Rest in peace. you definitely earned it.

Kay Landry - November 27, 2016 at 10:37 AM