



## Michael Kusner

July 8, 2019

Michael Kusner passed away peacefully at home at age 90 after a life spent challenging conventional thinking about societal change, economic development and urban design. Born in South Africa and trained first as an architect, he was forced to leave all behind for his beliefs. Working and teaching in London, England, he embraced urban planning and founded the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University which is now in its 50th year. Driven by his passion, he led the establishment of a score of institutions that play a role in Canada's economic and urban development. In retirement, Michael represented Ontario for nine years at the National Capital Commission in Ottawa contributing to the design of our nation's Capital and was particularly proud of the Canadian War Museum. He is survived by his three children and grandchildren, wife Sherrill Burns and stepson Jarrett Burns. To honour Michael, contributions to the Michael Kusner Scholarship Fund [supportryerson.ca/kusnerfund](http://supportryerson.ca/kusnerfund) would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

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“ You were a good man. Ask Ebony. It's sad that debra was a sad life

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**Thomas** - July 16, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ I met Michael in the 1970's through the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

*Although we had no working relationship and I met him only a few times, I was nevertheless very impressed , that as an academic, he had a strong practical approach both to planning education and to planning practice.*

*I was always sorry that our paths were not to cross again in later years.*

*Nigel Brereton MCIP (Ret.) “*

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**Nigel Brereton** - August 02, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ My sympathies to you Sherrill and the family and others who are missing this remarkable man. Thoughts and prayers,  
Jane Graydon

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**Jane Graydon** - July 10, 2019 at 02:19 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories with Micheal from time at the cottage with our first babies (fur babies) to avocado toast and salad lunches in Markham to Portugal for our wedding and so many more! Our last visit was wonderful at the holidays celebrating Christmas and his 90th. He will be missed but never forgotten.

*Much love from the Fernandes family  
(Bruno, Erin, Olivia, Jackson, Sunny and Flash)*



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**Erin Fernandes** - July 09, 2019 at 10:23 PM