



## Nicholas Elliott Brooks

October 1, 2021

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our friend and neighbour Nicholas Brooks on October 1, 2021.

Nick was a Clio award-winning veteran of Toronto's film community. He was also an activist and a literal ground-breaker in the development of Toronto's community garden and green scene. He was a leader in the fight against a massive TTC parking lot project at the Greenwood Yards, and was involved in negotiations that saw the transit commission turn its green space into a public park with one of the city's largest off-leash dog parks.

During his tenure as chair of his neighbourhood residents' association, he and his beloved wife Kathryn oversaw the creation of a community garden and fruit orchard at the foot of the East End's Oakvale Avenue - a green initiative that this year contributed more than 200 pounds of apples to food distribution services. Over the years, he advised other community groups on starting their own public gardens.

A colourful individual, immediately recognizable by his dyed beard, shorts and fondness for the colour red, Nick was politically active, and ran for Toronto mayor in 2006.

Nick is deeply missed by his friends, neighbours and colleagues, and

especially by his sister, nieces, great nieces and great nephews in England where he was born. He was predeceased by Kathryn, who worked with him establishing Oakvale Green. His and Kathryn's home was a social gathering place, open to friends and neighbours.

As per his wishes, there will be no formal funeral. Instead, to honour him, a Celebration of Life event is in the planning stages.

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Allyson - October 12, 2021 at 02:26 PM

AL

“ Fond memories of Nicholas always. Rest peacefully my dear friend, and say Hi to Kathryn!! xxxoooo - Allyson

Allyson - October 12, 2021 at 02:25 PM

CF

“ My recent memory was him showing up in my backyard with two bottles of champagne and as usual Red shorts  
Funny life of party  
We will miss you Nick but God only knows your with Kathryn so your so happy  
No pain, no diabetes and none named Cindy bugging you to help angels here. Now you can help Angels eternal ❤️🙏😊

Cindy Monk Fuller - October 05, 2021 at 08:55 PM

BR

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear news of Nick's passing. I hadn't heard he was ill and I haven't made it back up to visit in Toronto in few years. I was looking forward to the pandemic being resolved and I could carve out some time to return to the street where Nick and the other neighbors so warmly welcomed my ex-wife and I when we(somewhat foolishly) bought a fixer upper a few doors down. Nick was a core part of that group who helped me get through multiple dark portions of my life including a devastating divorce and the shock of taking on a home renovation project that, I realized too late, was a much larger undertaking than I anticipated. Nick and Kathryn's home was always a welcoming place with boisterous discussion and excellent food.

*The world is a lesser place without Nick in it.*

*-Brendan*

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**Brendan** - October 05, 2021 at 03:43 PM

MJ

“ Oh Nick -- I am so sad to hear that you are gone but I truly believe that you are now happily reunited with Kathryn - the absolute love of your life. And of course with Beau and Beau 2. My heart goes out to Plum and her family. I will always have happy memories of the fun times we had together over the past 40 years. Love you always.  
*Marylou xoxo*

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**Marylou Jeffery** - October 05, 2021 at 11:02 AM

IW

“ Oh Nick. I am so saddened that you are gone, but I truly hope you have found your Kathryn. You loved her so much and missed her terribly. You joined my “Orphans Christmas” table for dinner on several occasions and shared your sorrow openly; I hope you and Kathryn can now Rest In Peace eternally. My deepest condolences to your sister and her family, as well as your friends and neighbours who cared about you, including our crew. Godspeed.

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**irene Sweeney Willis** - October 05, 2021 at 08:02 AM

MH

“ A brilliant mind, a big heart and bright socks.

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**Mike Hart** - October 05, 2021 at 04:43 AM

IW

“ Oh Nick, I'm so sorry to hear you are gone, but truly hope you have been reunited with your beloved Kathryn. You graced our home at several of my “Orphans' Christmas” dinners and we talked endlessly about how much you missed her. May you both Rest In Peace eternally and in your love. My deepest sympathies to your sister, your family and the friends who loved and appreciated you. Godspeed.

*Irene Sweeney Willis*

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**irene Sweeney Willis** - October 04, 2021 at 11:31 PM

JS

“ Goodbye, my friend. Here's hoping where you are, the wine is red, the oysters shuck themselves and Kathryn is baking up a storm.

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**Jim Slotek** - October 04, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JS

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**Jim Slotek** - October 04, 2021 at 07:11 PM