



## Richard James Hallam

March 2, 2021

April 25, 1939 – March 2, 2021

Richard (Rick) Hallam passed away Tuesday evening at his home near the Beaches with his partner Michael at his side. To say Rick had an interesting, eventful life would be an understatement. He was a unique individual with a big heart who could make just about anything happen if he felt passionately enough about it, and he did so regularly. Just ask his partner who foolishly said he didn't think they had a future together 31+ years ago.

Rick was brother to Brian, Ken, Margaret, predeceased by Donald and David, as well as uncle to numerous nephews and nieces and their extended families. He was fortunate to have a wide circle of friends and neighbours and known affectionately on the street as the "Mayor of Ashdale". On the canine front, Rick was blessed with three well-loved rescue dogs over the years namely Dooley, Daisy and Dudley who are probably smothering him in kisses right now.

Rick had a positive impact on the world and those around him and used his many gifts to create beauty and positive change. "Good enough" was not in Rick's vocabulary and it was always worth the extra effort to get something right whether it was renovating an entire home or fixing a button on a shirt. Rick had many passions and loved meeting new people, sharing stories,

searching for the elusive good deal, camping on Georgian Bay, admiring or collecting art, enjoying good food, looking after his home, and living in his beloved city of Toronto.

We will miss Rick but can remember him through his influence, contributions, and our individual memories. Good night SB, be at peace. You accomplished so much, lived such a full life, and will be missed by so many.

Special thanks to all the health professionals at St. Michael's Family Health Team & Hospital who cared for Rick, as well as the compassionate support provided by The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). Rick will be cremated with his ashes scattered in a favourite park. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to make a memorial donation in his name, may consider donations towards the Canadian Cancer Society or Doctors Without Borders.

# Tribute Wall

JQ

“ *This is from my parents: Lovely memories of Rick on our visit to John and Alex (84 Ashdale) we had some great chats; our thoughts are with you Mike. Sheila and Tommy Quinn xx*

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**John Quinn** - March 07, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard James Hallam.*



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March 06, 2021 at 12:40 PM

RG

“ *Like so many other families, Rick was always so welcoming to me and my family. He could easily entertain my son with all his stories and little trinkets. I would always use Rick as motivation to get my son to bike from our house to his and then we would play there. You will be greatly missed Rick.*  
*Rob, Sarah, and Teddy*

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**Robert Garofalo** - March 06, 2021 at 10:30 AM

MG

“ Rick sure kept a close eye on this right knit neighborhood, and all his neighbors, just like they were family. When my husband and I moved in next door Rick greeted me to the street and introduced me to all the people whom I should know. I always popped over to visit with him when i was coming and going from work, and he showed me such support, like that of a proud father, when I persued a new career and went on to start a family. Rick always welcomed visits with my kids and often threatened to take my baby.... lol she was very cute indeed. My kids have grown up a little, and we live one street over, but my kids always looked forward to going up the steps of his porch to say hello, especially on Halloween. Rick was always available for advice, or just to have a good ol' chin wag, and although I knew his health was in decline, I am very shocked and saddened to know he will no longer be at his porch, keeping a watchful eye on us all, and a compassionate ear, and a hand to hold. I know many will miss him tremendously. We will, very much. I wish this past year had been different, so that I could have seen him and visited with him, and listened to a few more stories. Safe travels Rick.

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**Meaghan Gregory** - March 04, 2021 at 09:55 PM

JQ

“ When we first moved in to Ashdale, Rick and Mike immediately made us feel part of the Ashdale family. Walking by would always mean a hello and a chat on the porch. My parents came over from England and they took them out for dinner. Our kids were given holiday gifts every year. Friendship, generosity, and community. That's how we'll remember Rick. Ashdale won't be the same. We'll miss him.

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**John Quinn** - March 04, 2021 at 09:15 PM

LT

“ Rick was very positive, spirited and knowledgeable person whom we have ever known. He always gave us valuable opinions when we needed his help; he always told us the right direction on how to do the things best; he always showed his optimistic attitude even though he was ill.

We are so sorry to lose a good neighbor; we are so sorry to lose the "Mayor of Ashdale Community".

We miss you Rick, you will always be in our mind.

Li, Kevin and Angel

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Li Tang - March 04, 2021 at 08:38 PM

LI

“ "The Mayor of Ashdale" is right, and the street will never be the same without him. He holds such a special place in our hearts. Our son adored him and grew up knowing that he could always go to "Mr. Rick" if he needed to talk. They spent many hours on the front porch, sharing a special bond. We will miss him terribly, but will continue to cherish our memories of him. He always had an amazing story to tell. Thank you, Rick, for being kind, thoughtful and generous of spirit. You were loved by many.

Much Love,  
David, Lindsay, Parker and Gracie

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Lindsay - March 04, 2021 at 06:13 PM

LH

“ Uncle Rick gave me my appreciation for art and the theatre and fine dining. He was one of the nicest, wisest men I had the privilege of knowing and loving. Best smile and laugh.

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Laura Hallam - March 04, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Laura Hallam** - March 04, 2021 at 05:45 PM



Michael  
Mitchener

“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Michael Mitchener** - March 04, 2021 at 04:39 PM

RH

*These are all super pics of my closest uncle. Christmases, family events, renovating advice, seeing his renos while underway, Red Bay and Sauble visits, plus the best Christmas sweaters back in the Eatons days from Mr. Clothes horse himself. Gonna miss you.*

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**Ross Hallam** - March 04, 2021 at 06:20 PM

MM

*Our family has so many wonderful memories of Rick. Justin and Scott, our two sons, have known him since they were infants. Rick introduced us to camping. He taught us how to pack the necessities, and also very importantly how to keep a tidy campsite, which included raking the campsite and sweeping out the tents each morning. One summer Rick, the two boys and I and Dooley spent 7 weeks at Killbear, with Iain joining us on the weekend. The weather was perfect. Lots of laughs. Rick gave nicknames to some of our fellow campers, such as "The Snake Lady" and "Father Time". Rick was an important member of our family. Justin and Scott thought of him as an uncle.*

*I could go on, but i would only be repeating all the other characteristics which others have mentioned, but I will say good bye to a very special person We will always love you and miss you terribly.*

*Love*

*Marilyn and Iain McLeod*

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**Marilyn McLeod** - March 05, 2021 at 11:26 AM