



## Richard Irwin Hutchison

January 27, 2022

It is with great sadness that family and friends must say goodbye to Richard Irwin Hutchison, known to many as Rick or Hutch, who passed peacefully at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the age of 82, after a long battle with Alzheimer's, vascular dementia, and COPD.

He leaves behind his loving partner, Judith Allen Shone, twin brother, David Hutchison, of Pickering, son, John McCartney of Paisley, and daughters Robin and Lindsay Hutchison, of Toronto, all in Ontario. His loss will leave a great hole in the hearts of those who loved him.

Rick began his life in 1939, in the east end of Toronto, with his parents, Irwin John Hutchison and Aileen Hutchison (nee McArdle), nestled in the Beaches neighborhood, on the shore of Lake Ontario where his love for the water, swimming and boating was nurtured.

As an adult, Rick showcased his moves as a ski instructor at Sunshine Village (Banff, AB), Mont-Tremblant (PQ) and Talisman (ON). Then he shook off the snow and got his feet wet in the display business as a promising young entrepreneur. He became a father to his son John (Mother: Joyce McCartney, nee Wright) in 1962, and his daughters Robin and Lindsay (Mother: Lynn Hutchison, nee Chalmers) in 1974 and 1976, respectively.

By 1977, Rick had opened CES EXHIBITS in Toronto, and later moved it to Mississauga. Over time, as a designated Octanorm Service Partner, International, he travelled the world with clients and their displays until his retirement 31 years later. It was at CES where he met his current life partner Judy Shone. They spent Rick's last 28 years attending trade shows, spending summer weekends power boating to clubs around Lake Ontario, visiting relatives and friends in both Canada and the US, and travelling to the Caribbean, always returning to love their little dog, Missy. Along the way, Judy noticed occasional signs of memory loss, that were finally confirmed as Alzheimer's, the tragic disease that altered Rick's life forever.

Outside of his profession, Rick, a gregarious and social individual, brother, father, husband, partner, and friend, devoted hours to boating on Lake Ontario, with membership in National Yacht Club in Toronto, and later Port Credit Yacht Club and Oakville Power Boat Club. He was always the life of the party, an avid boater, forever entertainer, spoon player, professed pianist, banjo player, and fun dancer, oil paint dabbler, modest exhibitionist, Wheatsheaf supporter, imaginative chef, accomplished log cabin builder, and passionate YMCA volunteer. In later years, Rick's talent and love for painting finally resurfaced while participating in the Alzheimer Society's Creative Expression classes.

A Celebration of Rick's Life will be arranged in the coming spring or summer, when, hopefully, there will be a time when it is safe to do so. Leave a note on Rick's Tribute Wall page on [www.aftercare.org](http://www.aftercare.org) to receive updates.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer Society of Halton (ON) office in memory of Rick Hutchison. Donations can be accepted at 4391 Harvester Road, Unit #8, Burlington, ON L6L 6L8, or through their website, [www.alzda.ca](http://www.alzda.ca), or phone 289-837-2310 for more information. Or plant and nurture a growing tree in the name of Rick Hutchison

and learn about Canada's 2 Billion Trees Commitment.

Site visitors can leave memories, photos and condolences on the Tribute Wall of Richard Hutchison page at the site, [www.aftercare.org](http://www.aftercare.org).

“And I'd choose you; in a hundred lifetimes, in a hundred worlds, in any version of reality, I'd find you and I'd choose you.” ~ Kiersten White, in *The Chaos of Stars*

Richard Hutchison 1939-2022

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ So sad to learn of Rick's passing. Met Rick back in the 80's while I was managing Kodak Canada's trade shows. CES Exhibits, with Rick at the "helm", allowed Kodak to continue presenting superior exhibits across Canada until my retirement in 2002.

*I will always remember Rick's subtle humour and infectious smile. Rick was much more than a business associate, he became a true friend and helped me cope with many personal issues.*

*I regret Covid prevented me from seeing Rick in his final days. It is very comforting to know Judy was always by his side. Their relationship was special. Thank you Judy!*

*Rest in peace ol' friend.....*

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**Ken Humphreys** - February 03, 2022 at 10:22 AM

JS

*Thank you, Ken. The memories of your friendship with Rick go deep and cover years! You and your name always brought a smile to his eyes! He treasured your friendship. ❤️*

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**Judith Shone** - February 03, 2022 at 01:33 PM

SM

“ I met Rick a few yers ago and was touched by his gentle nature and somewhat shyness.....he managed quite well despite his health issues and I am so glad to have met him! Judy (my student and friend) took such great care of him taking advantage to write 2 books on caregiving, a noble project to honor him and all those who suffer this way. Rick will be free now to make his way in helping from above and to have more freedom from his mind and body....RIP....

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**Susan McDonad** - February 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JS

*Thank you Susan. I am so glad you met the Rick I knew. Rick was one who had anosognosia, making him unaware he was sick. In a way, he was blessed to live a simple life as a result.*

*Yes, I felt driven to share our story for other caregivers to read when they felt alone. Caregiving is intense and I hoped I could encourage caregivers in some way.*

*Thank you for being a friend.*

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**Judith Shone** - February 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM

PA

“ *We met Rick at Minds in Motion, a programme of the Halton Alzheimer's Society. He was our bon vivant, dancer, painter and all around great guy. We, the rest of us who became the 'in group' of support often remarked: "Gosh, I wish I knew him when." Yet the now of our new found friend was a joy. His smile remains. He knew he was loved. He knew we cared. He knew we wished him only the best. He was and will remain in memory, our friend.*

*Watch out angels. Mr. Twinkle toes has arrived.*

*Our condolences to the entire family.*

*Judy: Remember, remain strong, knowing that as long as you remember, he lives.*

*Bert and Paula*

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**Paula** - February 01, 2022 at 04:05 PM

JS

*Paula, I love your sweet memories of the laughter and joy that was once Rick, BA...before Alzheimer's got serious. 😊 Thank you.*

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**Judith Shone** - February 01, 2022 at 08:51 PM

JS

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**Judith Shone** - February 01, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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Miss Muffin. our "Missy"



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**Judith Shone** - February 01, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Judith Shone** - February 01, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JB

“*Sadly, I never knew Rick in his full vibrancy and creativity because of the disease that hounded and ravaged him. What I did see, however, was his tender love of Judy, his gentleness and kindness and his undying attachment to her. If ever there were soul mates, I saw it in the bond that Judy and Rick shared - in the comfort and assurance he got from her presence and, through her exhaustion and grief, Judy's commitment to keep her love by her side and to be his support. A smile borne of recognition, emerging before or after the storm of confusion, frustration and anxiety that the disease brought upon him was often all that she got as sustenance - but this was her reminder and her payment. When the world went cold, when people pulled away, when they only had each other, Judy lived on these little glimmers of love that he still had for her. THAT is what defines devotion, love and a soul mate. Judy often said that she had the greatest love that there was to share with another person and she showed it - and continues to show it - by sharing that blessing with others. She shares the love they had and so is his legacy and theirs. I have been blessed to know them both and hope that the world of family and friends - that has secluded into itself - can come to support and share with her, to celebrate and to appreciate what was lost and what still remains. My deepest condolences Judy. May the warmth of those who care envelope you and may your memories keep you afloat. Sending sad hugs, appreciation for all whom you support and hope that you feel their love returned.*

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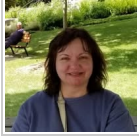
**Joanne Berrigan** - February 01, 2022 at 08:05 AM

JS

*Thank you Joanne. I am overwhelmed by your beautiful words here. I am so glad you saw the Rick I knew and loved.*

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**Judith Shone** - February 01, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Rick was funny, and when I laughed at his joke one time in the CES Exhibits kitchen, he himself laughed even harder, so the joke seemed that much funnier.

Ivonne Podobsky - January 31, 2022 at 10:21 PM

JS

Thank you, Ivonne. I can hear him laughing with you now! 😊

Judith Shone - February 01, 2022 at 11:14 AM

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Judy Shone - January 31, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JS

“ My dear Rick,

*Ten years was a long, long time, and caregiving an exhausting choice of avenues so you could teach me patience, kindness, gentleness, the value of silence and focus, and the necessity for priorities.*

*Our journey taught me everyone's Alzheimer's disease is different and everyone's reality about their disease is different, and our reality was what mattered.*

*I am grateful to have learned how caring for another made such a huge difference in my life - I learned, it turns out, that caring about and for one another is the most important relationship we can have.*

*So, this, our long journey together, wasn't without daily surprises, and revelations. I know now that the only moment in life that matters is the one right now...the reality you are in at the moment. And that every reality can change in the blink of an eye.*

*And if you had not chosen this long-goodbye, I would certainly have not been able to fulfill my longing to be an author with purpose. I hope our story helps others on their journey.*

*Thank you for these amazing gifts you gave me. I'll look for you boating in the clouds or painting the rainbows, rivers and trees. ~  
xoxo Judy*

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**Judy Shone** - January 31, 2022 at 01:56 PM