



## Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink

March 10, 2017

February 12th, 1960 — March 10th, 2017

With heavy hearts we share the news of Richard's passing, peacefully at home, with his family at his side.

Predeceased by his parents, Ben and Nellie Nusink of Teeswater, Ontario, Richard will be forever missed by his wife, Magda, his children, Frankie and Beatrice, his brother David Nusink (Helen) and sister Juliette Kunz (Peter); also, nephews Kevin Kunz and Robert Barker (Valerie) with great-nieces Sierra and Skyla.

Richard faced cancer with impressive courage and lived magnificently in spite of it, building wooden boats in his workshop (a "happy place," if ever there was one), sailing, playing guitar, meditating, and making beautiful memories with his family.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday March 25th, 11:00 am at St. Gabriel's Parish, 670 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, with reception to follow.

Donations in memory of Richard can be made to Wellspring Downtown Toronto at 416-961-1928 or [wellspring.ca](http://wellspring.ca).




# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel's Passionist Parish  
670 Sheppard Avenue East  
Toronto, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall

 Dale  
Ann

“ Dear Magda & family.

*Please accept my condolences of the passing of Richard. He and yourself were always so nice when you came to the chiropractor.*

*May you have an abundance of good memories of this delightful gentleman, husband and father.*

*Dale*

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**Dale Ann** - July 14, 2017 at 06:49 PM

GM

“ To Magda, Frankie and Beatrice,  
*Please accept my condolences on the passing of Richard, a lovely person.*

*I liked his friendliness, his intellect and his love of his family./*

*Grace Morrison*

*Bluffers Park Yacht Club*

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**Grace Morrison** - March 25, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.*



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March 24, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.*



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March 24, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *Dear Magda, Frankie and Bea,  
Barb just let us know of Richard's passing! I can't even begin to tell you how sorry I am to hear of your loss! In reading the obituary it didn't surprise a bit that you were together as a loving family when Richard passed. I hope you each can find some comfort in the amazing family bond that the 4 of you had! I send lots of love and prayers and hope we can see each other soon!  
Love, Elaine Jevnikar*

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**Elaine Jevnikar** - March 23, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Magda, Frankie, and Beatrice. Richard was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Bob Cassidy*

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**Bob Cassidy** - March 23, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.*



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March 23, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Richard I first met in 1983 in Teeswater, ON when I was selling accident insurance to his dad at the family farm. We then met up again in Toronto by chance through Sterling in the early 90's. He helped me rebuild my house and did the engineering plans and built my back deck with me. We worked production on a few men's weekends and we shared some unforgettable times. Although I cashed out of Toronto and moved to Ottawa 10 years ago, my memory of our friendship and the man he was never lessened as time passed. I for one will always remember Richard for his intensity, his caring, his helpfulness and his integrity. He was a dear friend then and his memory will always be with me when I remember my house at 73 Victoria Park in the beach or drive by it. I'll see you again someday, but not too soon.*

*I love you brother.*

*JB*

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**John Bruce** - March 22, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *Thinking of you Magda, Frankie and Beatrice at this sad time. Richard will be missed by many at BPYC.*

*Don & Sandy Roe*

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**Don & Sandy Roe** - March 22, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.*



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March 22, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Dear; Magda, Frank & Bea,*

*Our family received a wonderful gift of Richard's kindness & generosity. He sacrificed a weekend of his precious time and rolled up his sleeves to help replace the roof on our house. His direction of everyone working during the project was an example of his professionalism as the roof was completed in two days.*

*I will always have a vision of Richard up our roof & Edelgard (my beloved late spouse also a cancer victim) making sandwiches in the kitchen. I'm sure that they are both in heaven and having a good laugh about it.*

*We are deeply saddened for your loss.*

*Please accept our sincerest condolences.*

*Tony & Mark Lenzo*

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**Anthony Lenzo** - March 22, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.*



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March 22, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *My condolences, Magda, Frankie and Beatrice. It has been a long time since I have seen any of you. I was very sad to hear of Richard's death. I know how much he was loved. I will be thinking of you on Saturday. I wish I was able to come, but sadly, I am not. I will hold you all in my heart.*  
*Beth (and Rob) Weekes*

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**Beth Peart Weekes** - March 21, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ *Another best memory from Richard (except for the picture at the 2012 Youth Boat Works charity annual party) is a board meeting where he came up with the slogan "Nobody is left on the dock" (referring, of course, to youths at risk). That was the real Richard - a man of action on one hand, and compassion on the other; applying his skills as an engineer to help youths at risk - a rare combination of matter and soul, and a friend to all of us.! YNB*

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**Yehuhda Neve-Bar** - March 20, 2017 at 09:41 PM

YN

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Yehuda Neve-Bar - March 20, 2017 at 09:10 PM

IC

“ It was a pleasure to see Richard with his family, it was wonderful how they did everything together. Our thoughts are with you now and in the future.

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ildiko Csermely - March 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM



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Wolfgang Mercury - March 18, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Wolfgang Mercury - March 17, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JS

Beautiful family ❤️

Joanna Slomkowski - March 18, 2017 at 03:26 AM

IC

What beautiful memories

ildiko Csermely - March 20, 2017 at 11:05 AM



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Wolfgang Mercury - March 17, 2017 at 01:47 PM

MR

“ *Dear Magda, Beatrice and Frankie,*

*In the North, South, East and West of his life.  
All his love was directed to his family.*

*We feel grateful that we were able to spend time with him last  
summer.*

*Our thoughts are with you.*

*Love,*

*Marie-Line and William*

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**Marie-Line Ross** - March 17, 2017 at 01:46 PM

DG

“ *David Jeanette Goodman sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink*



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**David Jeanette Goodman** - March 17, 2017 at 10:55 AM

DG

“ *Richard and I met at work many years ago.  
His honesty, integrity, and practicality struck me at once.  
We became fast friends, and I sponsored him into the Sterling  
Men's Weekend / Organization.  
That mutual respect remained strong - unwavering through all the  
experiences we shared - good and bad.  
My only regret, is that we lost regular touch after I moved out of  
Toronto.  
He was a man of honour - my highest commendation - a true friend  
who is sorely missed*

*Our heartfelt condolences to the whole family,*

*David and Jeanette Goodman*

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**David Jeanette Goodman** - March 17, 2017 at 10:53 AM

FR

“ *Richard, a beloved friend, a student and a teacher of The Healing  
Journey, learning, about what this reality is all about, what life and  
death is all about, has passed on from within his body into the  
realms of the infinite realities. We grieve his passing, as we no  
longer can see him or hear him, or even hug him in the way that we  
have know him through his body, but he exists within us all,  
eternally, within our hearts, speaking and loving through his family  
and friends, and beyond, the reality of his being is immortal.*

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**friend** - March 16, 2017 at 08:50 PM

JG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Richard's passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with his beloved family. I worked with Richard at Hatch Mott MacDonald on several projects namely; Spadina Subway Extension - TTC and Baffinland's Railway Project. My fondest memories of Richard are his delight and pure pleasure discussing his passion for sailing and spending time up at his cottage with his family. I will miss our conversations and his dedication and commitment to work, family and healing.

Janet Glass

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Janet Glass - March 16, 2017 at 05:31 PM

DG

“ Richard and I worked together on siding extensions along the north shore of Lake Superior (2003), shared management of the CPR portfolio, and the Baffin Island railway project. He was a real inspiration to his staff and was always so passionate about his engineering trade. He will be truly missed by all his co-workers. My sincerest condolences to you, Magda, and your family.

Dave Grigg

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Dave Grigg - March 16, 2017 at 11:31 AM

DM

“ Richard and I worked together for over 20 years between the Sheppard subway and Hatch Mott MacDonald and we were more than co-workers.....we were friends. My sincere condolences to the Nusink family.

Dave Mallen

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dave mallen - March 16, 2017 at 10:58 AM

JM

“ Oh Magda. I was so saddened to hear of Richard's passing. You are in my heart and my thoughts every day and I send you and your children my deepest condolences on your heartbreaking loss. With love, Julie Makepeace

Julie Makepeace - March 15, 2017 at 11:34 PM

HM

“ Sorry for your loss Magda! Sending my sincere condolences to you, your family & Richard's family, during these difficult times. You are in my thoughts & prayers 💜🙏

Heather Munro - March 15, 2017 at 09:57 PM

HM

“ Heather Munro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink



Heather Munro - March 15, 2017 at 09:53 PM

Andrea  
Hicks

“ Andrea Hicks purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Richard Jacobus Nusink.



Andrea Hicks - March 14, 2017 at 06:43 PM

JW

“ Sending so much love and my condolences to Magda and family. I remember how wonderful Richard was and very sad for your loss.

Julie Whitcomb - March 14, 2017 at 06:34 PM

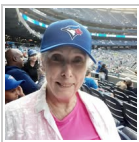
 Andrea Hicks

“ Such a great dad, and a friend to many these past years through the Canadian Children's Opera Company. We really enjoyed conversations with you Richard at Carmen, and on the shore of Lake Muskoka on McVittie Island. We feel so honoured to have shared some of your precious time this past year. Your love of Sea Fleas and sailboats has inspired us.

*“Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”*  
— Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

*You have been courageous in your battle against cancer. A hero to all of us. Love to you, to Bea, to Frankie and to Magda, your beautiful family. XOX, the WHs*

Andrea Hicks - March 14, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ The first time I saw Richard he looked like a modern day James Dean on his motorcycle. The first time he saw Magda he was done. I am so sorry to hear of his passing at such a young age. My deepest condolences. Carol neil

Carol Neil - March 14, 2017 at 09:14 AM