



## Mr. Robert Richard Lowrey

December 26, 2017

ROBERT LOWREY  
(1945 - 2017 )

IT IS WITH MUCH SORROW WE ANNOUNCE THE TRAGIC AND SUDDEN PASSING OF ROBERT LOWREY DURING THE LATE HOURS OF DECEMBER 25TH. ROB HAD A GREAT LOVE OF FAMILY, AND LEAVES BEHIND HIS LOVING WIFE, KIM, OF 35 YEARS, AND DEAREST DAUGHTER, KATIE.

ROB IS MISSED BY HIS SISTER, SYLVIA CHRISTENSEN, WHOM HE ADORED, AND HER FAMILY, HIS ARIZONA COUSINS, JOANNE SCHUST AND RICHARD SCHUST AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE SMITH FAMILY, AND KIM'S BROTHER, GARRY HEWITT AND FAMILY. IT WAS ROB'S HOPE TO TRAVEL TO WESTERN CANADA AND BRITAIN TO MEET AND VISIT FAMILY THERE ALONG WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, AND SEARCH OUT HIS DEAR MOTHER'S ORIGINAL HOME NEAR BLUNDEL SANDS, ENGLAND.

ROB'S KEEN INTEREST IN ALL THINGS ALLOWED HIM TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE REGARDING ANY TOPIC, WHETHER IT WAS SPORTS, POLITICS, LITERATURE, HISTORY, MUSIC OR THE ARTS; HE HAD EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THESE SUBJECTS, BUT AT THE SAME

TIME HE WAS HUMBLE AND HAD A WAY WITH PEOPLE, WHICH PUT THEM AT EASE. HE WAS EXTREMELY THOUGHTFUL, SENSITIVE, ARTICULATE AND WITTY, AND TOOK JOY IN TEASING THOSE WITH WHOM HE WAS CLOSEST. HE LOVED HIS DOGS, WHOM HE WALKED OR CROSS-COUNTRY SKIED WITH EVERY MORNING, AND COULD NOT SLEEP AT NIGHT UNTIL HE KNEW THE BIRDFEEDERS WERE FILLED FOR THE MORNING BIRDS.

ROB HAD A VERY STRONG WORK ETHIC, AND IN THE EARLY YEARS HELPED HIS FATHER WITH PIANO TUNINGS, WHICH LED HIM TO BEGIN FIXING PIANOS IN THE GARAGE OF HIS MOTHER'S LEASIDE HOME FOUR DECADES EARLIER. HE STRUGGLED FOR MANY YEARS TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL FACILITY AND WORKSHOPS, WHICH HAS NOW BECOME ONE OF CANADA'S LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL PIANO RETAIL FACILITIES. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL HIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND ESPECIALLY HIS LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES AT ROBERT LOWREY'S PIANO EXPERTS, IN TORONTO, WHERE HE SPENT SO MUCH OF HIS LIFE.

THERE WILL BE NO FUNERAL HELD AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER A MEMORIAL / CELEBRATION OF LIFE WILL TAKE PLACE SOME TIME IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATES FORTHCOMING.

ROB'S MANY FRIENDS, WHOM HE LOVED, WILL DEEPLY MISS HIM, BUT WE WILL CARRY HIM IN OUR HEARTS AND MEMORIES ALWAYS.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Dear Kim and Katie,  
I was very sad to hear of Rob's death. His love of life, music and  
laughter will never be forgotten.  
With deepest sympathies,  
Marianne Marusic

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**Marianne Marusic** - February 19, 2018 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ So many memories; coffee at the shop, working on stuff in the  
recording studio - my favourite was the day PAL accepted Louise's  
donation of her piano for their lounge. We needed a smaller piano,  
PAL needed a better one, and Rob made it happen. Everyone got  
more out of it than he did, but the smile on his face that day was  
priceless.

-Joe Matheson

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**Joe Matheson** - January 15, 2018 at 09:41 PM

PN

“ To Kim and family. Our sincere condolences  
Paul & Trish Noonan

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**Paul Noonan** - January 15, 2018 at 05:04 PM

DL

“ To Kim and family, we are so saddened with the news of Rob's passing. Rod and I have memories of him as such a kind, gentle man who adored his family. I was passing by the store a couple of weeks ago with my daughter and considered dropping in to see both of you. I wish I had that opportunity again. Our sincere condolences to Katie and yourself, and to the rest of the family xo

*Rod & Denise Lawrence*

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**Denise Lawrence** - January 15, 2018 at 06:12 AM

BR

“ Rob was the consummate professional! He built an incredible business by winning the trust of both customers and suppliers and everyone else he touched. He was "one of the good guys" and he will be deeply missed. Kim and family, our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

*Brian Dupas*

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**Brian** - January 12, 2018 at 05:56 PM

DA

“ Having served Rob (and Kim) as business clients for over 27 years, the news of Rob's passing is saddening in a very deep sense. Rob has built a very successful business with an incredible team of people. I know that he was very proud of his staff and their varied skills and gifts.

Rob is responsible to bringing the music of the piano to many homes in Canada. Too many to count. That, is a huge legacy when we think about how much music makes our lives better. Thank you Rob, for making Canada a better place through music.

To Kim and Katie, your loss is too immense for words. My prayer is that you both will be able to draw strength from each other, family, friends, and a countless number of people who Rob has served over the years.

*Blessings,*

*Dan Amorim*

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**Dan Amorim** - January 12, 2018 at 01:44 PM

PS

“ *Sincere Condolences from Jonna and myself to Kim and family.*

*I met Rob in 1968 when I visited his home on Airdrie Road at the invitation of his father, Bob. Bob helped me get started into the piano tuning industry. He instructed me in the garage/workshop. Later when I started a Piano Supply House, Rob became one of our most important customers. Rob was a wonderful person and we will miss him.*

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**Paul Smith** - January 12, 2018 at 01:43 PM

EJ

“ I am very sorry to hear this news. I called on Rob for many years as a manufacturers rep and always enjoyed working with this droll, soft spoken Canadian with a wonderful hidden wit. I've had it in my mind for a couple of years to visit (I'm out of that side of the business) just to say hi and reconnect and now I won't have the chance. My sincere condolences to the family and staff.

*Eric Johnson*

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**Eric Johnson** - January 11, 2018 at 08:01 AM

BH

“ Pat and I are so sorry to hear this very sad news. All our thoughts are with the Lowrey family.

*Barry & Pat Hughes*

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**barry hughes** - January 10, 2018 at 03:32 PM