



# Stephen Gerald MacDonald

September 4, 2024

May 20, 1947 – September 4, 2024

Stephen Gerald MacDonald passed away peacefully on September 4, 2024, surrounded by his children, after a long battle with cancer. Born on May 20, 1947, to Janet and Murray MacDonald, he grew up in Pickering, Ontario, as the second of four siblings. Stephen pursued his education at the University of Toronto and enjoyed a long, successful career as a consulting electrical engineer, a profession he took great pride in.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Janice (O'Connor), his children, Shannon Moon (Wes), Geoff (Laura Argyle), and Justin (Bree Gallinger), as well as his grandchildren, Georgia, Emmett, Hollis, and Ewan. He will also be missed by his many brothers- and sisters-in-law, especially Virginia MacDonald, with whom he shared a close friendship.

In accordance with Stephen's wishes, there will be no public memorial service. Instead, the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, you consider writing to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) to advocate for better pay for nurses and personal support workers, whose care was invaluable to Stephen during his final years.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Steve when he was 16 when I dated his older brother, John, who later became my husband. Steve's mother called him her good natured son. He later admitted it was easier to let his older brother take the blame for all the trouble they both got into as very active boys growing up on a ravine.

When Steve and Jan married we spent lots of time together and Steve perfected his culinary skills- he cooked a mean roast. His wife took care of the rest of the feast.

We both found out the same day that we were expecting our first child and had lots of fun about that. Steve was certain that I would have a girl due to the shape of my belly, and he and Jan would have a boy. He had it backwards and took some grief for that!

After we moved away from Toronto there was a period in the early 90's when I commuted to Toronto and Steve and Jan always provided a warm bed and great food and wine. Steve loved to tell me in detail about his latest Scientific American discoveries or we would discuss the flaws in building design of hospitals. There was always a discussion to be had.

In more recent time Steve was able to own and drive the cars of his dreams, first an older Jaguar and then a Tesla. He was so excited about both. Unfortunately illness cut his opportunity short to drive both of these vehicles.

I was very fond of Steve, both as a brother-in-law and as a friend. He had a tough battle with cancer. May he rest in peace.

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