



William "Bill" Cleland

December 19, 2022

William "Bill" Cleland, January 21, 1944 – 2022 passed away peacefully December 19th at Lakeridge Gardens, Ajax from complications of Stroke.

Bill's best friend Lois was by his side.

While he had a successful career in sales with IBM and Royal LePage, Bill was best known to his many friends for his extensive knowledge of antique motorboats. He owned and oversaw the restoration of several unique and celebrated Muskoka boats that may not have survived had Bill not located and saved them. As a founding member of the Toronto Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS), Bill mentored other club members, helping assemble some of the finest collections of Muskoka boats.

And the cars. When a cool new European sport sedan came to market, Bill was in the driver's seat; provided it met his high standards.

As time passed, Bill's priorities began to change and his concern for others took on a new path.

Bruce,

About 20 years ago, boats and cars, gradually took a back seat, to another significant passion of Bill's which was dowsing. Dowsing: 'to protect & maintain the grids of the Earth'.

Meetings with the Toronto Dowzers group introduced a variety of speakers on energy healing for both Mother Earth & people, & how to use dowsing to do this. It was the beginning of an exciting new calling be of service on a very different level.

Bill began a practice of healing & clearing (grid work) on earth ley lines, & over time a daily practice of sending healing love energy to the earth.

Dowsing was a way Bill used to begin conversations with strangers who would ask him what on earth he was doing with that 'thing' (pendulum) he was playing with. He would answer life questions for them, or, his favourite, to dowse if a pregnant mother was going to have a boy or girl.

Bill also discovered the healing energy of crystals & used them in many ways. Recently he began to craft necklaces and pendulums using crystals to sell or give away.

In the short number of months Bill lived at Lakeridge Gardens, he shared his passion for dowsing, crystals, healing, and spiritual beliefs with residents & staff.

He was a bright light & was much loved & respected.

Bill & I would speak on the phone several times a day about nothing in particular. His first call was usually early, & he would leave the same message; "It's just me, where are you? Are we getting together today?"

It's just me Bill, where are you?

Love, Lois

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the opportunity of knowing bill as he called me and wanted to rent a room from me during the time that he was renting from me we became very good friends and then he became ill and after that it became quite an empty place around my home without him being here he will be greatly missed by many many people including myself I hope you rest in peace bill you really do deserve it your friend always Lynda Forgette

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“ I met Bill my 1st day of work in sales at IBM in 1969. and within a couple of days had become mates and friends for life. Within a few weeks, we were invited to Bill's family cottage in Muskoka for the weekend, where we became professional guests for the next few years. We travelled to Speedboat Alley in Miami Florida together in the early 70's and ordered a truckload of 4 Formula power boats for our new side venture "Sportboats Inc.". We continued our full time sales Jobs at IBM and sold boats mostly on weekends for the next few years. We had wonderful memories of racing our hot cars out to our site at Frenchman's Bay, Pickering on a sunny weekday afternoon, and then at end of day, wave jumping at 50mph in our twin V8 Formula and later Wellcraft Nova, into Ontario Place for a beer or two. Although over the last decade or two, we had mostly gone in seperate directions, Bill remained a loyal and dear friend to the end. He was intelligent, generous, stubborn but always interesting, had a warm heart and a good soul and I will miss our challenging conversations and sharing of ideas. I love you Willy and will miss you always!

Love, Chuck

(Ted Farley)



Ted Farley - January 07, 2023 at 01:40 PM

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I met Bill when I held a mediation back in 2008, he became friends right away.

He was a true character and a good man.

I will miss him and I miss our chats, coffee in Port Perry. Dowsing, talking about world events, enjoying music and having a laugh.

He helped me heal through a toe infection and he kept me sane.

Bless you Bill.

David

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