



William John Carr

May 1, 2023

With immense sadness we announce the passing of William at his home in Toronto on May 1, 2023. Beloved partner of Dale Heckman. Dear brother of Marian Carr of Minneapolis (Tom) and his siblings at home in Glasgow, Scotland: Pat (the late Janette), Carine, Carol and the late Jim. Loving uncle to his niece, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, with a special affection for Siobhan, Gavin and Ross. Son of the late Catherine Finn Carr and the late William Carr of Glasgow.

Bill was born in Glasgow, Scotland on November 12, 1948. He immigrated to Canada as a young man, first working as a welder in the shipyards on the East Coast, then in Hamilton and finally Toronto where he returned to school and graduated from George Brown College as an Addictions Counsellor, working at St. Joseph's Hospital helping others until his retirement in 2014.

After a somewhat rough-and-tumble youth, Bill became a long-time member of Alcoholics Anonymous, where he reached his arms out to many. Bill would have celebrated 30 years of sobriety on May 30.

You can take the boy out of Scotland, but you could not take Scotland out of Bill. He remained an avid Celtic fan until his dying day, was always ready with an off-the-wall joke, and was a devoted practitioner of the old Scottish art of "havering", always at the ready with a tall tale.

Bill truly loved people and went out of his way every single day to connect with them, with kindness, warmth, compassion and a twinkle in his eye. He will be deeply, profoundly missed.

Gatherings of friends and family to celebrate Bill's life will be held in Toronto and Glasgow in the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations to one of Bill's favourite charities — Doctors Without Borders, The Hospital for Sick Children, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind — would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 15, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DH

“ 11 files added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 14, 2023 at 03:09 PM

DS

“ *My relationship with Bill was through AA - at St Clements - a wonderfully warm, funny and supportive person. Saddened to hear of his passing and my heart goes out to Dale and family! Rest in peace and your warmth will be in the hearts of many!* ❤️🙏

David Saxby - May 13, 2023 at 07:04 PM

DH

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 13, 2023 at 04:20 PM

DS

These are beautiful memories! 😎🙏

David Saxby - May 13, 2023 at 07:00 PM

PM

“ *My memory William goes back many years ago in Glasgow both in our teens, I was staying with My Auntie Margaret and William found out from your Mum so decided to take me out would you believe (dancing) in an Irish Club we had a great time and he made sure I got home safe and sound. My deepest condolences goes to all his family and friends. He will be missed. Your cousin Patsy xx*

patricia marshall - May 13, 2023 at 12:28 PM

MC

“ Remembering good times visiting my big brother in Toronto. Catching up over a cup of coffee at a street cafe in his Beaches neighborhood, then a walk to the lake and a stroll along busy Queen Street to see the shops and restaurants. He'd stop people with his big smile and be ready with a good joke or story. He believed in our shared humanity and turned many a stranger into a friend. Rest in Peace, big brother 🍀🇨🇦



Marian Carr - May 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM

SB

“ William was larger than life, and celtic daft 🍀
We are lucky to have shared some time with him last year and for this we are grateful and will treasure x love to all his friends and the family x



Siobhan Byrne - May 12, 2023 at 06:09 AM

DH

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 11, 2023 at 06:03 PM

DH

“ 13 files added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 11, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CA

“ *William visited his sister, Marian years ago in New Jersey where Marian, Kathy and I shared a flat. He had such a vivacious personality always ready to tell a story or teach us about Scottish history or recite poetry by Robert Burns. I met him again when I went with Marian to Scotland for her nephew Gavin's wedding. It was so nice to be around him. He had such an ability to make people laugh. My deepest condolences to Marian and her family and to Dale. William will be missed by many people for his sense of humor and his kindness. I'm glad I was able to get to know him a little bit.*

Carolyn - May 11, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn - May 11, 2023 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Marian Carr - May 10, 2023 at 03:51 PM

DH

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of William aka Bill*



Dale Heckman - May 10, 2023 at 01:52 PM