



Zoltan Kugler

November 14, 2022

It is with very heavy hearts that we share the news of the sudden and unfortunate passing of our dear friend Zoltan Kugler at his home in Toronto on November 14, 2022.

Zoltan was born in Toronto on October 16, 1977, and grew up in Toronto and Newmarket. He attended St. Paschal Baylon elementary school where he was 8th-grade valedictorian, Brebeuf College for high school, and U of T receiving a bachelor's degree with honours in Urban Planning.

Zoltan was very social and outgoing and had a beautiful way of connecting with people. He loved playing guitar, golfing, cooking, and going for long walks all over the city.

After university, Zoltan joined the family business and worked for several years alongside his father in the drywall industry. However, wanting to follow his academic path, he became a licensed realtor and quickly a very skilled agent. He earned the nickname the "King of King West" during the pre-construction condo boom and was known to be a fierce and steadfast negotiator.

We wish we could write he was surrounded by family and friends at the time of his passing but, sadly, we cannot. Zoltan experienced in his short life more

loss than most people. His mother, Marilyn Kugler (nee Macintyre), passed away when he was just 20 years old and he lost his father, Zoltan Tibor Kugler Sr in 2015. In 2019, he had to say goodbye to his beloved grandmother, Ilona Kovacs, whom he fondly called “Mama” and she called him “Zolika”, or little Zoltan. He was very proud of both his Hungarian and Cape Breton roots.

He will be deeply missed by his half-brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Marilyn Warcop and their children Stephen and Krista; by his first true love and (ex) wife Leah Bryce; and by his best friend, Heather Rovet, who was like family to him.

Zoltan, life wasn't always kind or fair to you, and you were taken far too soon. You were loved and will be deeply missed.

Please join us for a gathering to honour Zoltan and show him our love on Saturday, December 3rd at 4 pm at The Water Works - 505 Richmond Street West, in the 4th-floor amenity room. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to CAMH in honour of Zoltan.

Link to CAMH

<https://www.camh.ca/zoltankugler>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Water Works
505 Richmond Street West
Toronto, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Zoltan was the best neighbour I ever had on Runnymede Rd. I'll never forget him.

Joan S. - January 24, 2023 at 08:22 PM

HE

“ Zee was extraordinary strong brilliant goofy gorgeous and larger than life. I was in his life the last two years. He shared his huge heart with me. He loved his music and his knowledge of it was incredible. It filled his soul. He cooked for me all the time excited for us to share what he made. His stories were outrageous of his experiences with all of his friends and special women in his heart. He loved all of you with his whole heart. He told me stories about everyone in his life. His love of Bahamas and his roots there filled his heart. He was larger than life. My one memory of who Zee was was us walking through Kensington. A street performer was playing island music. He grabbed me and started dancing with me in the crowds in the street with his eyes lighting up and a silly smile on his face. When Zee was happy his face lit up and he was like a child excited to share it with the people he loved. He loved and appreciated all the joy everyone he knew gave him. You were all in his heart. He was so incredibly special to me. Zee I wish for you that you are at peace now. You will always live in all of our hearts and never be forgotten. Love and miss you.

Heather - December 06, 2022 at 12:05 PM

BG

“ Zoltan, I wish I could have said goodbye. I wish you had reached out. I hope you find peace.

Barbara Green - December 04, 2022 at 06:12 PM

DT

“ I visited this page one too many times without the articulation to word the past adventures with my dear friend Zoltan. It’s fair to say that I wasn’t prepared to have the chapter closed after our “King West” crew, our trip to Mexico, the long office days and our many, many nights out. You always had a great story to tell and a light to shine. All the classic songs, trigger fun and unforgettable memories that we shared. Your life will always hold a special place in my heart, and in my life, and it will never burn out. May your soul rest in peace my brother. I celebrate you and cherish our friendship. We will meet again, you are safe now, say hi to my mum, whom like many adored your spirit. Cheers.



diamond truong - December 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

PC

“ My wife and I shared so many great times with Zoltan and Leah. As it happens, sometimes in life, we drifted and lost touch. I only have great memories of Zoltan, even though he wouldn't let me sit on the chairs in his dining room, cause I had jeans that might scratch the acrylic!! This is a tremendous loss...He asked me many, many times to jam with him on the guitar, and sadly I never did... Tammy and I send all our love, thoughts, and support, to Leah, Heather, and to everyone who has been shaken by Zoltan's passing.

Peter Cash - December 02, 2022 at 06:46 PM

MJ

“ Zoltan had this incredible ability to talk to anyone no matter who you were. He was the life of the party, and his energy and honesty were always refreshing. There was never holding anything back with him and I loved that about it him. Many memories of his larger-than-life personality, there will never be another Zoltan.

Melissa Jurchison - December 01, 2022 at 09:53 AM

DB

Words are not enough to say how sorry I am when I heard of Zolika's passing just today. I'm his aunt Dawn from Cape Breton, N.S., his mom's sister

Dawn Brown - March 30, 2023 at 03:10 PM