

David Bransby-Williams

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David Bransby-Williams 1948-2019

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather, David Bransby-Williams. David passed away on January 13, 2019 after a battle with esophageal cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

David was born in Tanga, Tanzania on April 29, 1948 and was predeceased by his parents Walter (Wally) and Margarete (Margo) Bransby-Williams. He was part of a truly exceptional family, the Bransby-Williams (Jessie, Sarah, Mira, Caroline, Juliet, Boris, Michael (deceased), Morgan and families), who reside in Canada and England. David leaves behind his beloved wife Anne of more than 40 years, his son Damian Bransby-Williams (Carol Anne), cherished granddaughter Gwyneth and grandcat Alfie. Also terribly missing him are Anne's mother Ruth Bulmer, sisters; Chris Buchkowsky (Barry), Deborah Langille (Don), brother Ron Bulmer (Anne) and families as well as David's chosen family Tim Hendrickson (Marnie) and wonderful friends.

We give heartfelt thanks for the exceptional care from Dr. Larissa Seredycz and staff members at Carewest Sarcee Hospice and to Dr. Sean McFadden and staff at the Foothills Hospital. To the many people who were part of The Wine Shop and Wine Ink, we thank you for the wonderful times and numerous glasses of wine shared over the years. David generously imparted his vast knowledge of wine with so many, developing and expanding innumerable palettes. David was especially passionate about his time with all of you. We give a sincere thank you to all the

patrons of both wine shops and the wine and food community. Anne wholeheartedly thanks members at her second home, Banbury Crossroads School, for their overwhelming support during this tragic time.

David lived his life with integrity, passion and with a twinkle in his eye, a true gentleman. He shared a passion for cars and racing with son Damian. He loved to read - especially history. One of his happy places was in the kitchen. Cooking and pairing wines brought much enjoyment. He had a wonderfully dry wit which was paired with a spectacular, inimitable laugh. He died with extreme bravery and a sense of humour until the end. In honour of David's life, please raise a glass and hug your loved ones dearly.

In light of David's lifelong love of animals, donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund (<http://www.wwf.ca/donate/>)

Cheers to a life well-lived!

Messages of Condolence

I'm sending my deepest condolences on behalf of my husband, Rick Bain, who died on September 18th, 2018. David helped to launch Rick on his career in the Wine and Beverage industry and was a source of inspiration throughout the years. Rick often spoke of David with fondness. I hope you and Rick are raising a glass together.

— **Barbara Bain**

Anne, Damian, Carol Anne, Gwyneth, Auntie Ruth, and Bulmer family,
We were saddened to hear the news about David. I am traveling to Tanzania for the 4th time in February and will be thinking of him as I make the journey. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love and hugs, from the McDonahs. xoxo

— **D'Arcy, Anne, Evan, Alexander, Sarah & Olivia McDonah**

We are very saddened to hear of David's passing. He was a lovely man and I remember Mike raving about the meals he shared with Damian that he had prepared. We still have his spaghetti sauce recipe!

— **Maureen And Brent Allardyce**

I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Davids passing. He was an incredible influence in my life and I am grateful to been able to spend a few years working along side him at The Wine Shop. His laughter will forever be heard in my memories and I know he will be missed dearly by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Big Hugs to Anne & Damian and the rest of your family.

Rob Smith

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Very sorry to hear of the death of DBW as I knew him. I was at college with with him at Ealing Tech in the 70's and we shared a house together, along with another David. As other people have said he was a kind and generous man, he introduced us to Indian cooking which involved grinding all the spices in a hand coffee grinder a task that took longer than the cooking. Wine wasn't on the horizon then but we did enjoy other tipples. I'm pleased that he had a happy and fulfilled life. My condolences.

— David Pashby

I worked with David at The Wine Shop and also later as an Wine rep. I enjoyed his sense of humour and vast knowledge, and learned much from him. My condolences go out to Anne and Damian, and of course Tim, his longtime friend and colleague.

— Stephen Anderson



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