

Frank Anthony "Tony" Longo

JANUARY 29, 2016

Tony, as many have known him, passed away on January 29th at Laurel House Hospice with his son and wife at his side. He fought a brave but too short battle with cancer.



Tony is survived by his wife Barb, father Frank. Predeceased by his mother Molly, children Kevin and Kristen and grandchildren Joshua and Jayden, brother Rick and sister Michelle. Tony also has many loved ones and family that includes his stepdaughters Darlene and Brenda, cousins, nephews, aunts and many others.

When I met Tony he was driving trucks for a living which he did until cancer and a brain tumor stopped him from driving. I got to go on a few "road trips" over the years with Tony and it was quite the adventure. I loved sitting up high and how it felt driving on the highways. I was amazed at how many stops we would make during the day. Brake checks, gas, coffee, bathroom, weigh stations.

But the scenery could be gorgeous, the music in the cab fabulous. A different world.

We both enjoy the outdoors, and camping was always a favorite get a way. In recent years Tony bought a camper for \$1000.00. It was old, but everything worked and we both just loved it. A lot of happy memories were made camping with that old camper.

We also started doing a bit of snow shoeing, which both of us totally enjoy.

We were married in 2008 and as Tony was born in 1956, there was a lot of history in those years before we became husband and wife.

He often told me stories of growing up in Vancouver and some of the adventures. Adventures of taking off into the bush with his cousin Mitch for days. His dad would drop them off and they'd come back three days later, and by some miracle they were alive and happy. He also told me stories of watching his dad work in the back of the house, and how much he admired him.

In later years Tony went off to join the military and spent time in Alaska and a brief tour in Vietnam. I think this is how he developed such a love of target shooting.

Tony married and had two children, Kevin and Kristen. As are all proud Dads, he thought the world of his children. Somewhere during this time he also got his "Tess", a border collie/blue heeler cross. She was another child to Tony and he adored her. Unfortunately, the marriage fell apart, and Tony became a bachelor once again.

Our time began over a coffee at Tim Hortons and dates of walks and dinners out. Tony and I married at St Michaels Anglican church in 2008. I have had 12 wonderful years with this gentle (unless he's building something) and big hearted man.

He talked about his co-workers at Ideal Welders, and the respect and friendship they all had was obvious in the stories he told me.

Our time together was too short, but it was good. I feel a huge piece of my life missing, but, still I thank God for all these memories I have. There are so many more stories to be told, and I hope you will share some of them with us through this website. They will mean so much to all of us over the years.

Service for Tony will be held: Saturday, February 13, 2015 @ 1PM. at St. Michael's Anglican Church 12996 60 Avenue in Surrey. Light refreshments following.

In lieu of flowers, donation to cancer research would be a nice alternative.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

So sorry to hear of Tony's passing. My condolences and sympathies to the whole family. Tony was definitely one of a kind who will be sorely missed. I feel fortunate to have worked with him in the trucking industry and I am lucky and proud to call him to call him a friend. Take care, Lindsay Anger

— **Lindsay Anger**

“Yet even in the loneliness of the canyon I knew there were others like me who had brothers to comfort us, this feeling will not let us go.”

Lost my longtime outdoor partner to the Lord - A most righteous man, truly a great companion in the wilderness.

John Ngui - Vancouver, B.C., Canada

— **John Ngui**

We were broken-hearted to have just heard of our nephew and cousin Tony's passing. Peace XO

— **Mitch, Margaret, and Nadine**

No one will ever know how sorry i am to hear of Tony's passing, my heart is broken. I will forever mourn your passing my friend, cousin, brother. I will hold those memories of us in the bush in my heart forever. We will see each other again and will tramp the bush together for all eternity. Goodbye for now Tony, the world is a much duller place without you, and we are all richer for have had the privilege of knowing you.

— **Mitch Ramsay**

I grew up with Tony and lived just across the lane from him in east van. I remember the family well. Many years playing "army" in the neighbourhood.

We lost touch over the years but one thing stands out in my mind. I hadnt seen Tony for years and while i was in the army reserves he was full time with PPCLI. I remember being in Edmonton for an event and partaking a little too much the nite before and when i woke up in the morning he was poking at me trying to wake me. That was a hell of a surprise after not seeing him for years.

My condolensces to the family.

RIP Tony

Andrew

— **Andrew Kocsar**

Tony passed away one year ago, on January 29, 2016. It was a traumatic time, it was too fast, in three months my husband of eight wonderful years was gone. Tony was a wonderful husband, he was kind, built me up, made me laugh and I knew I was loved.

The pain has eased over the year but I have not forgotten Tony, and I don't want to forget Tony, he will be in my heart for the rest of my life. Just the memories make me smile more now and that is wonderful.

— Barb longo

The passing of my father Frank Anthony Longo he would usually rather go by Tony, but everyone knew that I'm sure. he was a great father, an amazing grandpa, and amazing friend. as years, go by the pain and the heartbreak of losing my father at a young age of 59 and for my brother and myself to lose a father at such as young adults , my father had so much life in him and he has forever left a imprint on so many people, including me and my brother and his grandkids Joshua and Jayden . He is incredibly missed every day every second every year and every day that passes it gets harder. I love and miss my dad every day. Rest in peace you. Kristen sales (Longo)

— Kristen



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