

James Edward McNish

JUNE 20, 2020

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Jim, who died peacefully at the age of 76 while at the UBC Hospice. He will be greatly missed by Cathy Kershaw, best friend and dancing partner. He will be remembered with love and a smile from family:

Sister Bonnie (Peter) McArthur and brothers, Ken McNish (Debby Mix) of California and David McNish. He was predeceased by his sister Gwen Jackson and sister-in-law, Lynn, Larry's wife. His oldest brother Larry McNish coincidentally passed away the same day in Calgary. Jim is survived by many nieces and nephews: Kathy McNish, Rob (Irina) McNish, Stephen Jackson, Jamie (Dan) Bourdon, Troy McArthur (Sarah Wilson) and Sarah McNish.

Jim was born in Brandon Manitoba to parents Murdoch and Evelyn McNish (nee Chapman). Jim moved to Vancouver when he was twelve. He lived the majority of his life in Vancouver where he attended King Edward High School. Jim was still in contact with his friends from high school for an event or just Happy Hour. Jim loved music particularly Rock & Roll. He could do some great imitations of Mick Jagger on the dance floor.

From a young age, Jim enjoyed playing baseball and soccer. He was a member of the Ex-Britannia Rugby Club and was named most valuable player for his division in 1972-73. Jim toured the UK with the Rugby Club and played rugby into his forties as well as broomball.



Jim started his career in the grocery business and worked for IGA. He graduated with a three year Diploma in Business Management from UBC from the Faculty of Commerce in 1977 while working full time and taking night school courses. His sales roles in the clothing industry allowed him to travel throughout Western Canada. In 1990 he became a Licensed Realtor. After a few years he transitioned from real estate to Property Management. In his senior years, he acquired his Security Guard License and met celebrities at concerts and conventions.

The last ten years Jim lived at The Pendrellis in downtown Vancouver where he enjoyed the company of several new friends. He was often seen in the lounge reading the newspaper.

Jim was known for his kindness and sense of humour. A few years before Jim died, his health started to deteriorate. Jim was very grateful for the time he had with family and friends. He was also appreciative of the staff at St. Paul's Hospital and UBC Hospice who cared for Jim.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice. A celebration of life will be held next year when it is safe to have a gathering.

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



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