

George Edwin Sabiston

NOVEMBER 24, 2019



It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the peaceful passing of George Sabiston, of Aldergrove, BC after a brief battle with cancer on November 24th 2019 at the age of 69 years.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 20 years, Julie; parents Ed and Shirley; children: Doug, Shannon (Steve), Cory (Mireille); Christine (Dennis), and Jeannine; grandchildren: Ethan, Madeleine, Logan, Michael, and Aria; brothers, Frank (Linda), Michael (Lori); sisters, Marina, Brenda (Richard); as well as numerous relatives and friends.

George was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who cared very deeply for his wife and family. He was a welcoming and loving man who embraced all his stepchildren wholeheartedly as his own. He was hardworking and spent many years as a mechanic even running his own businesses. He retired in 2004 and his focus became his wife and family. He took great pride in looking after Julie and their home. He was well known for keeping his house (inside & out) clean and tidy; some friends called him "Felix". Everything had to be in its proper place. He enjoyed preparing meals for his family particularly during holidays. He loved to garden and grew the most delicious vegetables in his green house. In his younger days, he was an avid hunter and fisherman, but once his grandchildren came along they became his priority. He was always quick with a goofy grandpa joke to make the grandkids laugh. He will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 pm, on December 8, 2019, at Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club (1284 184th St, Surrey, BC V3Z 9R9).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Memorial Donations be made in George's name to the BC Cancer Foundation at 150-686 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1G1

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

Messages of Condolence

Dear Julie,

Eugene and I were saddened to hear of your loss. With deepest sympathy we express our condolences as we remember George who was such a great and loving person. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the ceremony of life due to our absence in Canada.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Karina and Eugene

— **Karina and Eugene Kondratev**

Oh what can I say, after 30 years as good friends as we both passed a lot of words between each other. Our times together were always filled with little quips to bring on laughter. Many anecdotes to bring smiles and life's travels. I miss that more than anything, especially after my move to Kitchener. There were many e-mails later to fill in that "not face to face" meetings after my move to Kitchener. I am pleased I did get out for a visit in June. A good friend is always there. Now I so miss that "there" To Julie and all George's Family I know there is a void I wonder if time will heal. I am a richer man for knowing such a friend over our years. I dry my eyes and carry on. I will catch you later old friend.

— **Ron Cairns**

Dearest Julie and family ...our deepest sympathy to you and all of the family. We are thinking of you at this very difficult time and sending you hugs. We will always cherish the memory we have of you and George's visit with us this past summer .
Love and hugs ...Terry and Teija Carrier

— **Teija Carrier**

Julie and family

We are so sorry for your loss and we are thinking of you at this difficult time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

We truly enjoyed our visits with you each year at Shuswap Lake and at Christmas time and will miss these special times with both of you.

We hope that we will continue to get together with Julie in the future

Love from Eric and Sandy Wells

— **Eric and Sandy Wells**

I will always remember George as a quiet, kind and generous person with a good sense of humour and a great host. Jim and I send our sincere condolences to dear friend Julie and all the family.

— **Anna Rodgers**

Please accept our most heartfelt condolences. Our hearts go out to you and your family on the passing of George, know that you are in our thoughts.

— **Dmitri Kondratev & Family**

Condolences Julie to you and family.

— **Curtis Irving**

Julie and family, I was so saddened to hear of the sudden passing of George. I know there is little that anyone can say to console you, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. “ My mind still talks to you and my heart still looks for you. But my soul knows you’re finally at peace“

— **Elizabeth Cugnet**

Dear Julie

I am so sadden by your loss. I am sending you prayers and hugs from the bottom of my heart.

I hope you feel surrounded by much love.

— **Lil Reyes**

Heartbroken and Sad. He will forever Live in our Hearts and Memories. I will cherish the times we saw each other and look at the family pictures with Sadness and Love. We feel like a piece is missing. Richard will miss his little smile and laugh. I will miss my "Big Brother". (one of my protectors). We are thankful he is not suffering and is resting in Peace. We Love you George. Forever. Always. Our Hearts go out to Julie, our nieces & nephews, Family and Friends.

— **Brenda & Richard Dekker**

Julie,

I am so sorry to hear of your beloved George's passing. Sending you my heart felt condolences.

Anjali

— **Anjali Murray**

You and your family are in my thoughts.

— **Barb Hiebert**

Julie & family:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine what it must be like. Just want you to know that you are in our thoughts.

My deepest sympathies,

Dinuka

— **Dinuka Samara**

My sincere condolences Julie, to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss of such a great man.

— **Suanne Anderson**

Dearest Julie. My heart goes out to you and your family for your loss. My sincerest condolences at this difficult time.

— **Bonnie Kilistoff**

Dear Julie, I'm so so sorry for your loss. All of us at Life Admin are thinking of you. Just want to let you know that we are here with you at this difficult time. Hugs from every one of us. Prayers for you and your family!

— **Edward Zheng**

Julie, my deepest condolences to you and your family. You are all in my thoughts.

— **MacKenzie de la Garza**

Dear Julie and family. No words can express my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. You are in my thoughts and I am sending you a huge hug. Sincerely, Judy

— **Judy Grayston**

From childhood into adults, you have been part of our lives. I remember visiting all of you in the summer. Lots of laughs and sun filled days. You snitched on me when I tried smoking in grade 9. I came over for dinner with my boyfriend at the age of 18... You will be missed George. Thank you for documenting our Sabiston genealogy. We will cherish all your hard work and dedication to our family. I know your cherished Julie will miss you terribly. Your beautiful children and grandchildren will certainly comfort her during this sad time. You will be missed cousin. Until we meet again

— **Karen Mikkelson**

Thinking of your whole family at this difficult time. I know that George meant so much to so many people and will be deeply missed. Sending love, thoughts and prayers. Sarah

— **Sarah Douglas**

My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family in these difficult times.

— **Marine Barbelanne**

Sending big hugs to the whole family...I'm so sorry for your loss. Rest in peace George.

Heather xo

— **Heather Burnett**

We were so very sorry to hear of George's passing. We will miss a dear friend of over 40 years, but there are so many great memories to cherish.

Our sincere condolences to you, Julie, and the children and grandchildren he so loved and enjoyed.

Lonnie & Tracy Cole

— **Lonnie & Tracy Cole**

We are so sorry for all of your loss. Our hearts are breaking for you all. George was a wonderful man! We are so sorry we are unable to be there to celebrate his life with you all. You are all in our heart and prayers. We will be thinking of you all and sending hugs. God bless you all. ☐

— **Gail and Greg Tomczak**

I'm still in stunned shock how fast George was gone, how our father and I had shared a great day Sept 21st with him and Julie....not knowing I was never going to see him again. I will miss you so much brother, I cherish the times we visited this year. I'm so glad I didn't make you mashed potatoes when you and Julie stayed with me in August. I never knew you disliked them.

I'm so sorry Julie, you were so wonderful for my brother, he was very blessed to have you in his life. His calling was certainly being a grandfather.....how he loved his grandkids. He's going to be missed by so many. Knowing he didn't suffer very long eases some of the pain but it'll be a long time before the healing begins. RIP George....I love you. PS: I'll look after Dad xxx

— **Marina Adams**

At this sad time, I thought I would share a joyous story about George:

On Maddy's first birthday the extended family were together to celebrate. Maddy had just started walking and was being a typical curious baby looking around at things of interest. Maddy's Grandpa, George, saw this as an opportunity for some fun. George took her large yellow toy cellphone lying on the floor, pressed a couple of buttons that made inquisitive sounds and quickly hid it in his pocket. Maddy's ears perked up and she started walking around investigating where these sounds were coming from. On the third "incident" Chief Inspector Maddy had found her culprit. This giant person smiling and giggling at her had been caught in the act. She reached into his pocket, pulled out the toy and raised it up above her head in triumph for solving this most important of mysteries. This is how I will always remember George, a playful lovable trickster and teacher of many little ones.

— **Jon Warren**

Dear Julie and family - Jim and I are so sorry to hear of George's passing . You were great next door neighbours - it was fun seeing you and George over the years to keep up George up on the Upton Place gossip . I hope we can continue to see you and keep each other up on our grandchildren and families .i am sorry we can't be at the celebration of life . We will be thinking of you and you and Georges family . Our thoughts are with you .5pr

— **Jim and Renée Melder**

I was so sorry to learn of George's passing. The fun memories of my brother Ron's wedding and George standing in as best man complete with t-shirt. I got to know George & Julie and learned that my brother had a true and long-time friend. Julie, I hope your memories will be a solice during this sad time. Take care!

— **Marilynn J Perez**

I remember meeting George when he first began courting Julie, and her daughters. He was so cute and gallant and would not be deterred. When she agreed to marry him and the wedding day came, I have to say he was the happiest groom, so excited about their new life ahead. Our opportunities to get together were fewer as time went on, but each time, walking into their house (or getting together somewhere) was to feel welcome and 'home' (and involved a tour of the greenhouse). He could not have known he would only have 20 years with Julie, but George lived and loved his whole combined family like it was a precious thing. Thank you George for showing us how it could be. Our lives, like Julie's, are richer for knowing you.

— **Karen and Gary Hagel**

I'm deeply sorry for your loss and think of you often during these difficult times. I still remember your wedding day and how you are always so welcome of having me around. Just like second parents. George will always be in our hearts, and remembered as being a wonderful soul.

— **Eva Trinh**

Dear Julie, our hearts sunk when we heard of the devastating news about George's diagnosis and then we felt shattered for you when he passed so quickly. I know he was the love of your life. He was a wonderful husband to you and quite apparently, a wonderful father and grandfather too. Some people don't share a love like yours in a lifetime. I'm so happy you at least had that with George for 20+ years. Much love and strength to you and your family. Trish and Jeff (G-off) xoxo

— **Trish and Jeff Barnett**

Dear Julie and family,

I cannot imagine how painful is losing your husband, best friend and the love of your life. It is understandable to grieve and be sad.. we are human and you need your time to heal. There is no words to ease your pain but I want you to know that I truly care deeply about you.. My heart is with you.

— **Bettina Obadia**

Dear Julie and family, thinking of you during this difficult time. Treasure the memories and love you share - they last forever. Hugs, Carla

— **Carla Winstanley**

Julie, we are so sorry for your loss. George was a kind and gentle soul. I remember the first time Lyle and I met him. We went to the Northridge Pub where we had Pizza , Beer and some good laughs.

Love and hugs to the whole family.

He will be missed.

— Lyle and Wieta Bowman

Dear Julie

George is one more angel watching over all of us! I will miss talking to him about Goan cuisine. I was very touched and had tears in my eyes yesterday.

Thank you for always being there for me over the last 18years or so years. I am only a phone call away.

God bless!

Love n prayers,

Stephen

— D'Costa family

I wish I had been able to get to know George. I always enjoy hearing Jeannine tell stories about him as a kind, fun-loving father and grandfather. My deepest condolences for the tragic loss of a man that will be truly missed every day by so many. Sending all our love during this incredibly difficult time.

— Bianca

Dear Julie: Sincere condolences to you and your family. I was saddened to hear the very sad news. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

— **Penelope Budd**

Dear Julie, I was shocked and saddened with your news of George's passing. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences. My heart goes out to you and your family. I shall always remember the fun times that I had with you and George when I lived out there in BC. Again my thoughts are with you and your family.

— **Betty Walden**

The too rapid passing of George to a better place leaves a big hole in our family. Our deepest sympathy to Julie and her family. One bright spot: the two daughters, when they learned of Julie's decision regarding George, was to concentrate on his "cheesy" sweaters. With time, this passed to love. Phil, Dee Warren and Jen Eyre

— **Phil, Dee and Jen**



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