Ed Simpkins

JUNE 30, 2013



Born in Manchester, England, in the early months of the Second World War; died prematurely in Burnaby BC, just shy of his 73rd birthday.

Ed was a lifelong cyclist and fitness enthusiast. He died on his beloved bike, in a losing battle with a hit-and-run driver. Ed was a gifted musician, poet, artist, craftsman, and athlete. A wordsmith, wit, and lifelong rebel. He loved to challenge the norm, rally against injustice, root for the underdog, and stand up to bullies of any kind.

He was proud of his kids Chelsey, Aaron, and Kira and devoted to his grandkids Kade and Jordyn. He loved a good argument, especially with newspapers (letters to the editor) and his sister Jan.

An Irish-style wake will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday July 30, 2013 at the Burnaby Rowing Club 6871 Roberts Street, Burnaby.

No flowers but please bring songs and stories. You are invited to leave a fond memory or message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

Cleddy...My simplist of hearts loved you so much when I was a little girl. My paddingtin bear box...long letters written just to me when away at school..special with the intricate penmanship. I realise now that I've missed out on the things that made u special. ..and have robbed my kids of that too .I'm sorry to them..I wish I'd been more tolerant and been family to you...but I guess u know that now

— Georgia

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