



Mr. Neal Allan Patterson

April 27, 2019

On April 27, 2019, Neal Allan Patterson passed away at 78 years old. He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years Weslie (nee Isaac). Predeceased by his sister Glenda. Remembered by his brother-in-law George (Janet), nieces Andrea Patterson (goddaughter), Eva Fedunyk, and nephews Cameron Isaac, and Michael (Kerrie) Fedunyk and their children.

Neal obtained a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alberta. He travelled internationally most of his career, working in the field of telecommunications including SCADA, and spectrum management.

Neal had a Viking spirit, a love of nature and a passion for hiking. Along with his favourite boots, he travelled well and often to the Canadian Rockies to hike with friends and family. His last trek was to the Annapurna Sanctuary in Nepal at age 70.

He enjoyed both jazz and classical music, loved working with wood, making toys for children and helping friends and family with building projects. He had a dry sense of humour and always had a joke prepared which he delivered with great expertise, much to the delight of listeners. Neal's enthusiasm for life and kind soul will be greatly missed.

A private celebration of life will be held later. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.steckleygooderham.com

Comments



“ Weslie, We were saddened to hear of Neal's passing. I know that you have shared many happy times together in your 53 years together and I hope those cherished memories will bring a smile for you. I so enjoyed our working together on the HVPOA Board and Bill loved working with him (fellow rink rats) on the 4th line rink! He was a kind gentleman, always with a smile. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.
Bill and Bev Jackson

Beverley Jackson - May 09, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Weslie, our friendship with you and Neal grew throughout our years on Fairway Court. We had many great times together, Vodka Martinis included. Lots of good food and laughter were significant parts of those times. Neal always brought a great appetite with him. Our immediate memories of Neal are of a thoughtful and kind gentleman with wonderful insight and patience. His fine woodworking showed that personality. We surely miss him. Neal, may you always have a bit of sawdust in your hair and some shavings at your feet. Love Pat and Bernie

Bernie Maskerine - May 03, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Memories. Do you remember:-

- snorkelling around the coral reefs in Jamaica, with three young kids.
- some years later teaching the eldest how to mix a vodka martini. Well he is 14 years old, you said.
- being shown how to use a pin, to decap and extract a winkle from it's shell. What Loire town were we in that evening.
- in Burgundy when Pommard was first choice. Well it was your 20th wedding anniversary.
- Madam "le Fifi" the proprietor of that small hotel in Cognac, "Ooo Monsieur Patterson".
- the celebrations in Saint Emilion, the fireworks and the chambre chinoise at Chateau Le Roche.
- in the Rockies, hiking the six glacier trail, contending with an ice pellet storm, as well as the terrain.
- those many evenings, just the four of us, around a candlelit table, with the steaks, the salad, the red wine and of course the close friendship.

Bon Voyage, dear friend, Sonia & John.

Sonia & John - May 02, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ Weslie

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss of Neal. We are deeply honored and blessed to have known him. He was a wonderful man with such a pleasing personality and fun to be around . We always enjoyed his great wit and enjoyed listening to his stories about traveling, woodworking projects (especially the ones you helped him design), music, golf and of course his love of car racing. We thought the world of him and will forever be grateful for the impact you have both had on our lives .
Forever in our hearts in friendship and in sorrow
Love always
The Dunn Family

janyce - May 02, 2019 at 07:31 AM



“ Weslie, we were very sorry to hear that Neal had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we hope that your loving memories bring you peace and comfort.

Charlene and Paul Erratt

Charlene Erratt - May 01, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ It is with great sadness I offer my condolences to Neal's family on his departure from among us. He was a great colleague of mine while at Monenco over many years and he will be dearly missed. Thank you.

Vadi Vadivel

Vadi Vadivel - May 01, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you Weslie. I will remember Neal as a jack of all trades. He was wonderful to come to our rescue in Toney River. He rescreened the back door....fixed the bedroom window. He could turn his hand to anything. It was certainly my privilege to have known him!

Jane Mackenzie - May 01, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Weslie, my heartfelt condolences with your loss. You may remember that we met in the early 70ies with Neal and other colleagues and spouses attending a concert by the renowned E. Power Biggs at Mary, Queen of the World. Neal had just taken over from John Feeney as my supervisor for a project in Jamaica continuing so until my secondment to Iran in the spring of 1974. During the early 80ies Neal provided support to me and another of his earlier mentored engineers, Rod Wilmore on a project in Nicaragua. In the mid 80ies Neal headed a study for the ADB in which Rod Wilmore and I again teamed up with him - after a start in Manila we mostly split up in order to visit as many countries as possible traipsing through S.E. Asia and Oceania - culminating in a two-tome report which became a bit of 'a bible' in the region for electrical utility control and telecommunications infrastructure. I remember him fondly as a firm but kind, diligent and capable engineer and am very sorry to learn of his passing. Onno Kruller

Onno Kruller - May 01, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Neal, life loving, fair, honest and strong person is no longer with us. Sad, indeed. Weslie and the whole family accept, please, expression of our deepest sympathy and support in these difficult times.

George and Jitka Taranovsky

George Taranovsky - May 01, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ Deepest condolences, Weslie. May you find comfort and peace from the wonderful memories of Neal. I remember Neal's unique laugh and sense of humour. Prayers and warm thoughts are sent your way

Diane Beckmann - May 01, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ It was an honour and a pleasure working with Neal at Monenco for many years. Neal was very special, always willing to help, and a true gentleman. I will miss him dearly.

Louise W.

Louise - April 30, 2019 at 08:42 PM