



David Lyall

September 29, 1950 - January 28, 2023

LYALL, David Wayne

David Wayne Lyall, son of the late Charlie and Jean Lyall, husband of the late Wendilin Lyall (nee Killian) left this world on January 28th at 3:25 pm surrounded by loved ones at Hospice Peterborough. He will be dearly missed by his son Mackenzie, his two daughters Natalie (Adrian) and Bethanie (Chris Vyn), his doting grandchildren Lex and River, his brothers Charlie and Michael (Ken), and sister Marsha (Charlotte). David will be greatly missed by his partner and companion these last 10 years, Patti Briggs along with her children.

When asked what he like to do for fun or in his spare time he would say, “I like to visit”. And he was good at it. To Visit (capital “V” for added emphasis) with David was to be seen and heard - to laugh and to think. He had a way of attending, of looking and really listening. He would often pause, take time and respond with more questions, more interest, and sometimes simple but direct “suggestions” or “musings”.

David approached life’s ups and downs with a great delight and a profound curiosity. His delight overflowed in his “hahaha” high pitched laugh as he would visit and joke. He carried this delight with him wherever he went, but it was especially evident in his visits with his family and friends, and in his times

of solitude at the cabin. His curiosity made him a man of wonder and insight. He charted the sun, studied the constellations, delved into the mathematics of the golden ratio and loved to tinker on projects of all kinds. For years David was a student of karate, and in his most recent years, Taoist Tai Chi. He loved the time and space to execute the 108 moves. Beyond the practice of the movements, he became a person of “the Way”. He often spoke of the Way of nature, the Way of the river and the Way of our lives. He lived comfortably with the slogan “when it is time”. For those of us left here living it is often hard to trust this statement because it seems he has left us too soon.

A Celebration of life will be held at The Black Horse Pub in Peterborough Ontario on Saturday, February 4, 2023 between 2 and 5 pm to honour David and one of his favorite pastimes - visiting and drinking beer. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Peterborough are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. Please accept our condolences, Mack, Natalie and Bethany. We have fond memories of the years you and your parents were neighbours. Your parents were both special and kind people. John and Jane Breukelaar

Jane Breukelaar - February 03, 2023 at 06:26 PM

ML

“ Brothers journey together Ken and I set out on our delayed once in a lifetime journey last November. Heading to California in our Rv with Ken, Mike and Ruffy ready to head out after a few years delay. Through photos and videos capturing our travels sent to David, he rejoiced stating he wouldn\u2019t have experienced this journey had we stayed home. Feedback quotes of magnificent, marvelous from David, as always the gentle grateful soul. We learned more insights to our travels as David researched areas , always inspired by the world around him. Our journey continues, David\u2019s strength and aura will help carry us onward. Always with us until our journey brings us together again. Missing you immensely, in our hearts and souls. Your legacy will continue on with family and friends, Cheers on your Celebration of life, hugs to all.

Michael Lyall - February 03, 2023 at 01:41 PM

PY

“ David\u2026. A gentle soul who had a kindness about him you couldn\u2019t miss experiencing. My deepest sympathy to Beth, Natalie, Max, the grandchildren and the rest of his family and loved ones. He will be greatly missed.

Patricia Young - February 03, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JE

“ I met Dave at tai chi, when I first came to Peterborough. There was, at first, of course, the giggle. Such a fount of delight. Then there was tea time, when we all got to know each other, bit by bit, and he was ever and always a delight. Bits of poetry he'd share, philosophy, observations about the world. I love the way he'd listen, not with the distracted half-presence that so many of us can barely muster, but with all of his attention. He was a good teacher of The Way. I will miss him, and remember him, and he will be part of my tai chi for always.

Jen - January 31, 2023 at 08:19 PM

ME

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting, David, but being close friends with Bethanie, I got to hear beautiful stories and memories that they shared. I got to hear their sweet banter during phone conversations, and was able to witness just how genuine, adoring, kind and loving David was. My heart aches for Beth and their loved ones.

Melissa - January 31, 2023 at 06:41 PM

ME

“ We are all so sorry for your loss. We feel very lucky to have met David , he was such a warm loving man and will be so very missed. With love and condolences The Carr family

Megan - January 30, 2023 at 10:27 PM