



Ian MacNeill

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Ian left this world in peace surrounded by the love of his family. Ian's spirit will remain forever in the hearts and memories of his wife of 33 years, Anne (Beckett), children: Andrew, Heather, and Michael; dad, Andy, sister, Alison (Paul) and brother, Andrew

Ian was born in Nassau, Bahamas where his dad was working with RBC, International Banking. After moving to Toronto, the family then moved to Barbados. His early education was the British curriculum, so upon returning to Canada he was advanced 2 grades. Ian was always the youngest in his classes. The family moved regularly but it was in Halifax where Ian really found his roots. There he met life long friends, graduated from Dalhousie and was an active member in his fraternity, Sigma Chi which he continued to support throughout his lifetime. Ian retired from RBC after 40 years of dedication and commitment to his career and colleagues. He was very happy and proud to have worked for RBC in many capacities – his last position in Ottawa was one he truly loved and found so much fulfillment.

Ian's passions included: our cottage, golf (best finder and hunter of lost balls), sports (watched every sport and a huge supporter of women in sport), trivia

master, memory keeper (how is Anne going to remember everything?), musical theatre, fine arts (loved supporting Canadian art and paintings with water) and all things trending. Most of all, Ian was so proud of his children, their accomplishments, and the wonderful people they are.

Many thanks to the PRHC Cancer Care Clinic, infusion clinic, and dialysis unit. Ian and his family are so grateful to all the nurses in the ICU (especially Deb and Shannon) and Doctors Brown, Carly and Bishop for their care, compassion, and honest conversations in his final hours.

A celebration in honour of Ian will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2:00 pm at the Peterborough Curling Club, 2195 Lansdowne St W, Peterborough, Ontario. (Casual dress, golf attire preferred)

In lieu of flowers, donations to the PRHC Foundation (prhcfoundation.ca (remember a life – general)) IN Ian's memory would be appreciated. The Foundation will direct donations to the ICU for purchasing of needed equipment.

Online condolences may be made at CommunityAlternative.ca

Tribute Wall

KO

“ I am very sorry to have heard of Ian's passing. My sincere condolences go out to Anne (who I worked with many years ago in Ottawa) , your children and extended family. Kathryn (Sutcliffe) Overall

Kathryn Overall - July 16, 2023 at 08:13 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Ian's passing. He was a terrific colleague and friend with an unshakable set of values and a self-deprecating humour laced with a bit of mischievousness . He had an uncanny recollection of anything he read and was a walking sports and entertainment encyclopedia. Most debates with colleagues could be resolved by just asking Ian. On top of that, it seemed like there just weren't enough hours in a day to accomplish all he could do. I grieve for Ann and family. With all the wonderful moments he created, I trust you have many sweet memories to help you cope with his loss. My deepest condolences.

Mike Haley - June 25, 2023 at 10:07 AM

CS

“ Anne and family, my deepest sympathy for your loss. I know how much I feel the loss of Ian, I can't imagine. I will always be thankful for Ian not only hiring me on at RBC, but his mentoring, friendship and the fact that he was always there to help. If you needed him, as busy as he was, he always made himself available. He was a strong leader and an even stronger friend and ally. As you work through the time to come, please know that he had such an impact on so many people and I am thankful for learning from him and the difference he made in my life.

Cathy Svetec - June 24, 2023 at 05:55 PM

JL

“ Once again that feeling, a very heavy heart, when you learn the world has lost someone special. Ian and I worked together for several years and he was my boss but it didn\u2019t feel like that. He always treated me as an equal, with respect and appreciation. I recall always feeling supported, encouraged and challenged. He was there for me countless times in so many ways, especially when I was struggling late in my career and I needed to transition to retirement. He supported that transition, championed my phased retirement with senior management and made it happen for me. That was almost 12 years ago now, but it stands out in my memory and I am forever grateful to Ian for that. You\u2019re a good man Ian, an honest, caring person, and you made me a better person. Farewell. John Lawson

John Lawson - June 24, 2023 at 12:06 PM

MJ

“ I met Ian in the early 1980s when we both attended Dalhousie University. At that time and over the next 40 years, we were connected through our mutual friends Ross, Mike & Cindy. Those early years involved parties at Sigma Chi, where Ian struck me as one of the more sane attendees (at least in volume, if not in behavior), and spring break ski trips to Quebec City and Killington Vermont. During those years Anne joined the trips, and we quickly saw what a terrific couple they made. Ian and Anne were great hosts when several of us travelled to Ottawa for the 1988 Grey Cup. Then there was a long gap as Ian & Anne raised their three children in Ontario and Sally and I did likewise in Alberta. It was so nice to renew acquaintances in 2017 when five couples vacationed in Barbados. It was great that Ian led us all on the pirate ship cruise, something he had wanted to do since he was a little boy but his mother would not let him because she knew it was a rowdy booze cruise. That is a forty-year span of knowing each other, and I find it hard to believe I will not see Ian again. I always enjoyed his company, his thoughtfulness, his intelligence, and his humour. Sometimes his laugh struck me as similar to the giggle of a little boy who was keen to do something naughty I think that sense of fun was always there under the British and banker exterior. Sally and I want to express our heartfelt deepest condolences to Anne and the family. Sincerely, Sally & Mike Jackson

Mike Jackson - June 20, 2023 at 07:47 PM

ED

“ My condolences to Anne and to the entire MacNeill family. I worked with both Ian's dad and sister at 90 Sparks. So very sorry for your loss.

Elena DeNardis - June 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CT

“ My deepest sympathy to Anne and family. I am retired from RBC, but Ian was my manager for many years and it was a pleasure to work for him. He was a wonderful, gentleman and we even had a few laughs when he visited our Branch... My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Catherine Thomas - June 19, 2023 at 09:10 AM

TN

“ Anne, I was so sad to hear this news. Going back to our Renfrew days when Ian was in Brockville it was a pleasure to work with you and Ian. He was always happy and the 2 of you were a great match. All the very best to you and your family. Terry Nielsen

Terry Nielsen - June 17, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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Barb Carlow - June 16, 2023 at 07:06 PM

BC

“ Such sad news. Ian was a wonderful man and it was my great pleasure to have been able to work with him. My sincere condolences to your family. He will be truly missed

Barb Carlow - June 16, 2023 at 07:05 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ian's passing. Thinking of you Anne and your family. Shirley Challice

Shirley Challice - June 16, 2023 at 04:31 PM

TC

“ Anne, we are very sorry to hear of this loss. Please accept our sincere condolences Tammy & Brent Curtis

Tammy Curtis - June 16, 2023 at 12:54 PM

PO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Pauline & Tim Orpwood

Pauline & Tim Orpwood - June 15, 2023 at 01:39 PM

VI

“ I had the privilege of working with Ian at RBC three times. He was the most intelligent and hardest working individuals I have met. More importantly, he was a pleasure to be around. Rest in peace my friend. Vincent Isber

Vincent Isber - June 15, 2023 at 01:38 PM

DG

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of Ian's passing. I worked with Ian when he was RVP Kawartha/Lakeshore and I was branch manager at Campbellford branch. I was always impressed and amazed with Ian's ability to quickly scan a document or employee nomination and have it memorized immediately. Ian was a great mentor and always encouraged people to strive for their personal best and push themselves. My heart goes out to Anne and his children. Gone way too soon. RIP Ian, you will be missed.

Dianne Greenly-Mechetuk - June 14, 2023 at 10:51 PM

DD

“ My deepest condolences Ann and your family. Ian was a mentor in my career with RBC. He was passionate in his job and was a champion of work/life balance. He was always there to support in any way. My prayers are dedicated to you and your family. May your memories sustain you and yours.”

Debbie Dzurko - June 14, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JP

“ I am so sad, for all of you, his family, but for everyone. Such a brilliant man, such thoughtful compassion. As our leader I always felt he was our champion. Ian lead some of my best/favourite RBC years. My condolences.”

Joanne Pritchard - June 14, 2023 at 08:01 AM

MA

“ I had the incredible privilege of working with Ian in 2012, and for almost 6 years in Ottawa. I must say he's an amazing human being, friend, colleague, mentor and leader. Ian lit up a room with his presence and humour, and you could always count on him to have your back. He made every situation better, even if he asked the toughest questions, I always knew he was making me a better person. Ian never took short cuts in anything he pursued, completed, accomplished, and faced, and for that he was a true role model of what outstanding really is. I appreciate Ian for the support he provided my husband I, the laughs we shared together, the experiences he provided and memories made together, and for making me laugh until I cried uncontrollably, finishing boxes of tissue to contain the happy tears rolling. Only you could make a bean story live on to be so memorable it never grew old, and it only got better as you told it, even though the version changed time over time. Ian, because of you, I am a better person. Stay awesome. Rest In Peace. You will be remembered dearly by my family and I.”

Maria Artuso - June 13, 2023 at 07:34 PM

PT

“ I am very saddened to hear of Ian\u2019s passing. He was a tremendous colleague and I enjoyed working with Ian several times in national office and regional leadership. I will remember his quick wit, super intelligence and his compassion for all. Rest in peace Ian.

Patrick Tremblay - June 13, 2023 at 07:03 PM