



## Richard Southern

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Peterborough, Ontario

Rick will be forever in the hearts of his wife, Donna (nee Peckan), daughters Pamela and Beverly, his sons-in-law Shawn Merrin and Adam Spencer. He was an amazing grandfather to Reid, Renee, Jules and Gabriel. He will be missed by his brother, Byron and sister-in-law Bonnie. Rick was very well supported by his Peckan sisters-in-law, Karen, Cathy and Li, (often referred to as "The Peckanskis"). The family also wants to acknowledge the many kindnesses that Rick was shown by his friend Marcy Lamses.

As an avid concert-goer, Rick had a rich soundtrack playing throughout his life.

Rick loved his family and raised them on great music, fine food and his "You only live once," attitude.

As a man of extremes, he was a quiet observer, but also the life of the party. He followed rules as often as he broke them. From perm to ponytail, Rick's signature locks and array of hats were trademarks of his character.

Compassion was his currency and music was his love language.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the caring ways and kindness given to Rick during his week in palliative care at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. The family also would be grateful for any donations made to The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes,

Northumberland and Haliburton.

A private family service will be held. A celebration for friends will take place at a later date.

“And in the end

The love you take

Is equal to the love you make.”

Lennon and McCartney

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Richard Southern*

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**Freda Thompson** - May 23, 2025 at 03:53 PM

JL

“ *How I enjoyed Rick's quiet wit and personality...both when he lived 2 doors down, and lately 1 floor up. We will miss him and his flowing locks walking downtown with Donna, and lately greeting us in the lobby at Churchill Apts. Rest easy my friend! Love from Judy and Joey*

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**Judith Lamb** - May 21, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Rick you were a beauty! You will be missed*

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**The Whitten family** - May 20, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Pam, Shawn, Reid and Renee Pam I am so sorry to hear about your Dad passing away. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and the days ahead. Treasure all of the happy memories and hold them close to you for comfort. Sending hugs to you, your Mom and sister and family. Eleanor Vesterfelt and family.*

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**Eleanor Vesterfelt** - May 20, 2025 at 06:48 PM