



James Brian Woodside

January 14, 1928 - February 16, 2016

It is with sadness and much love that we say goodbye to James 'Brian' Woodside, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away February 16, 2016 at the age of 88 years.

Brian was born in Ottawa, Ontario on January 14, 1928, completed his early education there and then attended Queen's University, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. Brian's career was primarily with Imperial Oil Limited as a rotating equipment specialist, first in Sarnia, Ontario and later in Edmonton, Alberta. He was a lifetime member of APEGGA.

As a young engineer, Brian met a nursing student named Norma Workman and they married in June 1953, beginning a love story that continued for 62 years.

Brian was happiest with tools in hand and a repair project underway, spending time at the Gatineau River cottage, skiing in the mountains, or golfing, curling or playing cards with good friends and considered himself a fortunate man.

Brian is lovingly remembered by his wife Norma; children Cathy, Pam (Harley), Robert, and Mary (Alan); grandchildren Trystan, Lorraine (Michael), Bethany (Chris), Trevor, Graeme, Heather, Conor, Caitlin, Natalie, Emily and Sam; and great-grandchildren Lincoln, Wynn, and Henry.

Cremation has taken place and internment will follow in Cantley, Quebec.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Great Room of Lifestyle Options Riverbend, 200 Falconer Court, Edmonton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Brian's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Lifestyle Options Riverbend
200 Falconer Court
Edmonton, AB

Tribute Wall

WG

“ To the Woodside family, I have so many great memories of Brian from my days on Cecil Street that involved skating on the Woodside rink, trips to the Riding Club for a swim in the middle of August, enjoying my first ski lesson (and how not to use a T-Bar) in Michigan to be followed by an absolutely wonderful trip to Jasper later with the family after they moved to Edmonton – a trip I still talk about. In fact, I was back at Jasper for my 25th wedding anniversary in 2014. The town is a little more dated but the memories remain crystal clear. My most favorite memory of Brian is when he decided that he probably didn't have enough to do and that he should pull the engine from the old Toyota Corolla (I think) so he could rebuild it from the bottom up. What was even more amazing is that he used the two skinniest kids on the block (Rob and I) combined with small diameter rope and metal hooks screwed into the garage ceiling to hoist the engine out of the chassis. I remember thinking later that it was probably a good thing that the rope broke long before there was any significant damage. Brian's response to the incident was to check and make sure that everyone was fine then to let out one of his trademark chuckles like it was no big problem – just a minor inconvenience that he would fix. To this day I have no idea how he got the engine out but that little car was back running soon afterward – all a testament to his engineering prowess.

Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss.

Wayne Griffin
Ilderton Ontario

Wayne Griffin - February 22, 2016 at 01:55 PM

FH

“ *Frances Hoffman lit a candle in memory of James Brian Woodside*



Frances Hoffman - February 22, 2016 at 10:22 AM

KG

“ *To all the Woodsides: Former neighbour Karen Griffin here. "Mister Woodside" was a quietly sardonic man with a quick wit. As I recall, at one point there was an old navy blue Datsun that was parked in front of your house. I'm pretty sure it ran... but might not have, though. Frankly, it might not have even been a Datsun. I dunno. But what I DO know, is on the passenger side of that (Navy blue?) (Datsun?) was an "STP OIL" sticker. I remember asking him what "STP" meant and he just told me like I should have totally known: "Stinky Toilet Paper".*

All my best to a really great family. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Karen Griffin
Vancouver, BC*

Karen Griffin - February 21, 2016 at 04:47 PM

RG

“ Bob and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Brian. When we moved to Cecil St. in Sarnia we lived right beside the Woodsides. Our children and the Woodside kids became good friends and we were so sorry to see them move away. We remember Brian working on something in the back yard, mostly bikes that were always turned upside down. They were truly a fine family. Deepest sympathy to all the family.
With Love Reta and Bob Griffin

Reta Bob Griffin - February 21, 2016 at 01:19 PM

JN

“ John and Nancy purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of James Brian Woodside.



John and Nancy - February 19, 2016 at 07:27 PM