



Douglas Gilbert Kane

April 9, 1954 - October 28, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Douglas Gilbert Kane, who left us on October 28, 2024, at the QEII Hospital in Halifax, surrounded by the love of his devoted partner, Brenda Kinnear and family.

Doug was born on April 9, 1945, in Saskatoon, son of George and Doris Kane, the eldest of four children and a cherished brother to Pat, Don (predeceased), and Bob. His family's journey took them through St. John, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Halifax, shaping his adventurous spirit.

He had his first lovely daughter, Jenna, with Pam Devine. In 1979, he married Katherine MacCormick and together they welcomed three daughters: Lindsay, Meghan, and Allison. The family enjoyed many good years in Ottawa before Doug and Katherine separated.

In 2010, Doug met Brenda Kinnear while on a group bike trip in Cuba, sparking a beautiful courtship between Ottawa and Halifax. In addition to his love for Brenda, loving bonds were formed with Brenda's children Hilary, Ian, and Stephen, along with grandchildren.

Some of Doug's fondest times were when laughing and playing with his 16

total grandchildren: Abbie, Aidan, Alex, Andy, Eddy, Erik, Elizabeth (Ely), Ezra, Fen, Justine, Julian, Maia, Pender, Thomas, Tia, and Zack; as well as playing with the beloved dog, Ryder. Together, Doug and Brenda spent most of their time between their home on the Northwest Arm in Halifax, and at a family cottage in Pugwash. Doug's boundless energy and joy were evident in his many pursuits. He was an enthusiastic member of the Waegwoltic Club, formerly an active board member of the Halifax Farmer's Investment Cooperative, and a dedicated participant in his book club. He loved playing tennis, talking politics and laughing with his numerous friends - who meant the world to him. Doug grew up wanting to make the world a better place. A lifelong learner, Doug earned three formal degrees: a Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's University, a Master of Arts in Sociology from Dalhousie University, and a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University. Professionally, he made contributions in public policy and planning, focusing on issues related to Indigenous rights, environmental sustainability, and social justice. His career included work at Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and other federal government departments, as well as New Economy Development Group. The family is deeply grateful for the compassionate support of his medical team at QEII Hospital during his final days. In celebrating Doug's life, we honor his unwavering commitment to social justice,

kindness, and humanity. He will be profoundly missed but will continue to inspire us all to advocate for a better world and to embrace the joy and kindness that he embodied. In Doug's spirit of generosity, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Doug’s passing on February 7, 2025. We were Sociology students together. He was a grad student and I was an undergrad. We kept in touch over the years. I stayed with him and Kathy when I was coming to Ottawa for the Canadian Health Coalition events. When he moved back to Halifax, we would run and play tennis. We also went on a 10 km run together in PEI. When I remarried in 2009, he and others kindly gave me and my new wife a wonderful running trip to Charlottetown. We always enjoyed being together. Every time we got together and had some a delicious lunch together. He was always a kind and gracious friend. I will miss him a great deal. Thanks for all you did and what you did to encourage us to get together. He was very nice to help me recover from my stroke in 2000. Brenda was also a very nice and supportive friend. I was very sorry to hear about his struggle with cancer. I very much hope Brenda and his family will be comforted. He will always be remembered.

Ian Johnson - February 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Doug's family and friends. I met Doug many years ago when I was hanging out with his younger brother Don. I met Doug again in 2010 when he joined the Board of Pathway to Progress Nicaragua to share his knowledge and experience with our non-profit start-up working with underresourced families in Nicaragua. I recall his keen understanding of what we were about and his many suggestions on how we could succeed. Doug played no small part in our success which continues to this day. May he rest in peace!!!

Edward Dunsworth - January 28, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Joyce & I send our deepest sympathies to you Brenda & family*

Tom McGlone - November 03, 2024 at 05:15 AM

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“ *Doug's commitment to social justice is such a wonderful legacy to have left his children and grandchildren. They will always be able to look back in awe and for inspiration at his accomplishments. My deepest condolences to Brenda and all of Doug's family. He will be so missed but never forgotten. Pam*

Pam Devine - November 02, 2024 at 01:57 PM