



Kenneth "David" Wilson

August 16, 1955 - May 12, 2024

Dave passed away following a severe heart attack on May 12, 2024 at the age of 68. He was born in Lachine, Quebec on August 16, 1955. At a young age, he moved with the family to Windsor, Ontario and then, at age 10 moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia for most of his youth and adult life with the brief exception of a few years in Sydney Cape Breton and Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He was predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Norma (Burns) Wilson. Having never married, he is survived by his brother Gary (Beth) Wilson, Douglas Wilson and Heather (Mike) Fitch. He is also remembered by his two nieces, Erin (Isaac) Hachey of Bridgewater, NS and Robyn Fitch of Greely, Ontario. His great-niece Violet Hachey, and cousin Michele (Brett) Bennett and their children Dillon and Tyler in Colorado round out the surviving family 'shrub'. Dave loved the 60's and 70's and everything about them. He enjoyed fishing, animals (especially cats), and was all about his friends having a great social network. He had a passion for music especially for Minglewood and Dutchy Mason. He introduced all of his siblings to his passion for the best music ever. I'm sure he is still "rockin the blues" somewhere. He was always active in the trades: trained as car mechanic, painter, landscape labourer. He spent many an enjoyable summer down in Chester, opening houses for the summer visitors and maintaining their properties. Dave had a huge loving heart and would do anything for people in need. Although he never had much, he would give as much as he could and always with a smile on his face. In his later years, Bearly's House of Blues became his social network. He loved

being there and is part of the woodwork for sure. They were his other family. The family much appreciated the care he received from Continuing Care, ParaMed and the wonderful staff in the CCU unit at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. He lived his life as he wanted, to the fullest, and can now rest.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ My condolences to Dave’s family, I played at Bearly’s for many years while I was living in Halifax. Dave was kind soul who was a joy to be around.

Roger Howse - August 12, 2024 at 06:31 AM

TL

“ Dave and I Shared many, many hours over our years together. Every morning shift I I was greeted with a “good morning beautiful “ followed by a marriage proposal. I never agreed to marriage, but we were the closest of friends. He holds a special place in my memory and will be forever in my heart.
My condolences to his family. He truly was one of a kind❤️
Tammy Lewis former Bearly,s staff

Tammy Lewis - June 17, 2024 at 06:52 PM

MI

“ Sincere condolences to Dave’s family and friends from Mimi latrou, and all of the staff at Bearly’s.
Dave truly was one of a kind.

Mimi latrou - May 27, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MI

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*Mimi Iatrou
an hour ago*

When you hear someone describing Dave Wilson, you'll notice that the common thread running through everyone's description is the fact that he was a kind soul. Wilsy would offer to help anyone, anytime, if he could. I can honestly say, first hand, that if it weren't for Dave, Bearly's would not have been able to operate as smoothly as it did in those start-up years. In addition to his duties as cleaner of the bar, Wils could be seen helping the cooks in the kitchen ,or lugging cases of beer up to the bar.

Wils was a fixture at the bar , always greeting old friends, and constantly making new ones. Whether you were a longshoreman, or a city councilman, Wils could sit and talk with you about practically any topic.

I've got so many stories , mostly humorous, involving Wils, it would take forever to tell even a few. One, however, stands out in my mind.

He was doing some landscaping at our new house on this particular Sunday , and decided to take a stroll next door where our neighbours were having a yard sale.He took a fancy to a pair of jeans for sale. So Wils, being Wils, decided to try them on Right there and then, in front of the neighbours and all the shoppers. Took off what he was wearing, and put on the yard sale pants.Dave was happy. My wife, however, couldn't believe it. All she could say was what'll the neighbours think? Here we are, new to the neighborhood, and we're stripping in front of everyone. Turned out, however, our neighbours, after I introduced Dave to them, loved him from the start. In fact, they even hired him to do some work in their back yard.

That was Dave. Or , Wilsy, to those who knew him.

So long, blue eyes. Know that you left behind a legacy of people that had a bit more love in their heart after meeting you. I know I'm one of them.

RIP

Mimi Iatrou - May 27, 2024 at 01:12 PM

RH

“ *Dave was a great guy. Condolences to friends and family. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Roger Howse - May 27, 2024 at 05:45 AM

CH

“ *motorcycles, music and memories a good man gone too soon rip my friend chris horwich*

chris horwich - May 26, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RP

“ Dave and I played PeeWee hockey in Rockingham when we were younger.. I can still remember one of the goals Dave scored against my team one game. I just couldn't quite reach the puck and then Dave shot it in to our net. We also played alot of road hockey in Wedgewood Park. We went to YMCA activities too. One day Dave saved a small boy from drowning in the deep end of the swimming pool. The boy had jumped in the deep end and couldn't swim well enough to get to the other side of the pool so he grabbed at Dave as we swam by doing laps then he pulled Dave under then climbed right up over Dave trying to get out of the water. He kept pulling Dave underwater but Dave didn't panic, he just slowly swam to the edge of the pool with the boy still holding on to him. where the Life Guards pulled the young boy off Dave. Another fun time with Dave was in PEI We were camping one summer and went in to Town for supplies on our Motorcycles. Got lost. Asked directions. Drove up a few blocks made a turn. And ended up IN the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade . There was a Marching Band in front of us. Floats behind us. WOW what should we do now ?? We drove along in the Parade for a few blocks then turned off. hahahahahahaha We had an Apartment together in Bridgeview at the bottom of Flamingo once where we rode our Motorcycles down the hallway in to our apt.. Don't think the Landlord liked that very much. Dave was also a regular when it came to the May Run He loved the music and the good times with good friends. He could also be the best lost and found person ever. Once we left a case of beer stashed in the forest We forgot it there. A year later Dave went to look for it. He was gone awhile. Quite awhile. But he found it. I saw him do this several times over the years. He could find lost stuff anywhere. One day Dave said he put a record album away for me in my name at Sam the Record Man. So the next day I went and bought it. We both like music so much. He also gave me a Jimi Hendrix flag. I still have them both. The flag is hanging in my music room now. When I went out west to work I would try to visit Wils at Bearly's whenever I returned home to Hfx. I was always really glad to see Dave and I think he appreciated the visit. He seemed glad to see someone from the old neighborhood. Dave liked to be called Wils. In fact he carved

"Wils" in to more than a few tables around town over the years. Anyone who knew Dave would know of this. I wish I had gotten to see Dave once more before he died and now I can't.. I miss him. RIP my Friend.

Rick Pentz - May 26, 2024 at 08:12 AM

MI

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Mimi latrou - May 27, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AF

“ *he was a good man and will be missed...*

allie fineberg - May 25, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MP

“ *Gary, Doug, and Heather;
Sorry to hear about your brother David (Wilsey) passing away.
I happened to run into him 'here and there' over the years and we
would talk some, nothing much really, but we always remembered
each other. He was a good man and a personality to be
remembered.*

Condolences, Mark Powell

Mark Powell - May 25, 2024 at 06:19 PM

KB

“ *Dave Wilson will be remembered fondly by the staff and regulars of
Bearly's House of Blues & Ribs, where he lived, worked, and rocked
out to blues in a state that can only be described as euphoric.
Bandana-and-denim clad, frequently carrying a large walking stick
(or cat), Dave wasn't just one of the many characters at Bearly's, he
was our main character. Kind, helpful, and always thinking of others,
Dave Wilson was exceptionally generous with everything he had to
give, and always grateful for anyone who thought of him. Dave was
our regular, our helper, our man on the street, our mascot, and most
of all, our friend. He will be missed. God bless you, Dave.*

-Kris Bertin, Bearly's staff 2008-2020

Kris Bertin - May 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM

RP

“ *Dave was a GOOD friend of mine years and years ago when we
were younger,*

Rick Pentz - May 25, 2024 at 09:44 AM