



Kirk Donald Ross

April 24, 1953 - March 30, 2026

Kirk Ross, age 72, has sailed from the harbour of life to join with the light of the stars on the early evening of March 30, 2026, peacefully and surrounded by love. But it is his life, not the end, that left ripples, currents, and the wild foam of waves crashing on rocks scattered through the world in the wake of his gentle steps. He loved music, and he spent his life listening, playing, creating, writing, and feeling every beat as though it were a pulse. Friday night poker with 'the boys' was a long-standing tradition he cherished. He was a story-teller who could make any moment seem as though it were made of magic. His favourites were stories of travel, the misadventures of youth, his family, the chaotic joys of raising children, and of course the moment he met his wife, Elaine—'an angel,' he'd always said. It is hard to know where to focus when a life is so lived as Kirk's. Every moment was so thoroughly consumed, wrung dry, loved, and held with the gentle reverence of someone who deserved so much more, but never felt like it wasn't enough. He worked in real estate, travelled the world as an art auctioneer, made friends, cherished memories, and rode every peak and devastating low of life with acceptance and grace. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Elaine, children Krista (Michael) and Luke (Trish), grandchildren (Ezra, Ella, Casey), step-grandchildren (Kenzie, Riley, William), sister Cheryl (Brian), as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Jason and Mother, Doreen (Harold). Many thanks to the 7A palliative care unit at the VG hospital. Cremation has taken place, as well as a celebration of life.

Tribute Wall

DC

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Kirk was an amazing guy, so much knowledge and insight into life and he had big ideas. We both had that in common, a fascination with the great questions in life and I saw my own parents in both Kirk and Elaine which made the experience extra special for me.

We later reunited for a fun day of touring the Zona Romántica, an artist village and popular section of PV. The four of us walked along the ocean and up the hill to the Elizabeth Taylor mansion and we showed them the view from the rooftop of our Airbnb. Afterwards, we had a nice lunch and shared some laughs at the Margarita Grill. It was a perfect day!

After returning home, we followed along on Facebook, their many adventures of a wonderful winter Spain in Mexico, and escaping the cold of Canada.

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We are very sad that the world has lost a great human and soul like Kirk and our hearts are with his beautiful and kind wife, Elaine.

I take solace in knowing he now knows some of the answers to the great unknowns we discussed and I pray that he rests in peace.

See you on the other side Kirk ☐



Doug Church - April 11 at 04:01 PM



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Doug Church - April 11 at 04:02 PM

AM

I had the incredible luck of meeting Kirk more than 50 years ago. He had a huge impact on my life, as he had on many who met him. We worked the Graywood together at Dal, and had some unbelievable experiences. What a treat to enjoy time with him! We soon started renting together with some other genuine characters, and had some amazing house parties. It was during those times that Kirk shared his enthusiasm for music. I was so lucky to have him introduce me to that great musical era. He was such a great influence. He certainly loved life and it always seemed like an adventure for him. Just as his cherished "Raiders" rollercoasted along, he was always faithfully there for the ride. My heart goes out to his family and friends who have lost a true positive spirit. To Elaine, Krista, and Luke, try to relive his adventures with you and continue to steer onto the future he would have done it with you. 💙

Allan & Vera MacDonald - April 14 at 03:21 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Baker lit a candle in memory of Kirk Donald Ross*



brenda baker - April 09 at 04:22 PM

RU

“ *I met Kirk in Grade 12 Prince Andrew High Dartmouth. We were classroom buddies. After high school we both went our separate ways. Fast forward 50+ years and I find him on Facebook. We text back and forth periodically. It was amazing the connection we made....still good buddies. This connection meant a lot to me and I think he thought so too. A very good man!*



Ruth - April 09 at 02:20 PM

MM

I ONLY MET HE AND HIS WIFE A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT I LOVED THEM THEN AND NOW. BLESSINGS RIP!!

Mary Murray - April 09 at 07:59 PM

BS

I had the pleasure to meet Kirk and his wife at Staggers at the Sunday Open Mikes. You could tell right away his love for music and for his wife and friends there. His kindness showed in everything he did. Rest in peace.

Beverly Smith - April 10 at 08:25 AM

JA

Kirk and Elaine appeared on the dance floor at Captain Don's Bar in Puerto Vallarta, and I could not stop watching them. They had such an aura of love for each other. Great dancers. Wonderful personalities. And Kirk's sense of humour just cracked me up. I miss him so darned much. I know he is in heaven and singing and playing his guitar, spreading the same joy as he did here. Spread your joy up there, Kirk! Elaine, I love you.

Judith Arnott - Puerto Vallarta

Judith Arnott - April 14 at 08:54 PM