



Ronald G.W. Simpson

December 21, 1943 - October 10, 2024

Ron Simpson was born in Quebec City on Dec 21, 1943. He arrived in Halifax in the early 1960s to study architecture at the then Technical College. His career, from draftsman to director, with the Province of NS, centred on land use planning and took him to every corner of this province, his place to live well. Ron was personable, a good listener, an astute observer of people and nature. He was most content in quiet company or when lost in his own careful way to create a meal, grow an orchid, design a room, build a dry rock wall, solo a ski hill, contemplate the evening light. He held unspoken delight at the potential and accomplishments of his family. Ron passed away on Oct 10, 2024. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy (Bottom) Simpson Peters and Guy Francis Simpson. He is survived by his partner of decades Valerie Spencer, his daughter Suzanne Duperly (Mike Marriott), his son Sol Simpson (Amy MacPhail) and three grandchildren, all of NS. His sister Daralyn (Ross) Hodgetts of AB survives him, as does the mother of his children, Adrienne Duperly, NS. His sister Rosemary (the late Don) Cameron of NS predeceased him. Ron's nieces and nephews live across Canada and beyond. A private person, Ron wanted no funeral. He died of cancer, complicated by Parkinson's disease. You may wish to consider this in your donations. If you knew Ron, you also know to feed someone, often and well. Please give generously to food banks and community kitchens.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Val,

I was away when I learned of Ron's passing and apologize for the lateness of this message. I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Ron from our work days and mostly at his dining room table where he provided the most amazing meals.

My deepest sympathy for you, Sol, Suzanne and the rest of the family.

Bonnie Boyd-Read

Bonnie Boyd-Read - December 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JM

“ Hello Valerie, very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. His obituary truly captured the essence of the man who was extremely kind, thoughtful and considerate.

Our most sincere sympathies to you and your family.

John & Janice MacKay

John C MacKay - November 11, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JL

“ Valerie, so sorry to hear about Ron’s passing. My condolences to you and the family.

We go through life meeting many people in a wide variety of life experiences and settings. I met Ron at the Community Planning Division some 55 years ago. We became friends and colleagues but of all the people I’ve met no one has ever left a more significant impact and influence on me than RGWS as I continue my life journey. Ron was kind, understanding and a patient teacher so grateful to have known him. I think of him often.

Jack and Barb Leedham

Jack Leedham - November 10, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ My condolences Valerie ! Ron was a pioneer in municipal planning in N S. HUGH PORTER

Hugh Porter - November 08, 2024 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ Val I’m so glad you had many years with Ron. My heart is with you in your loss. Hugs from me. Anne Bastedo

Anne Bastedo - November 06, 2024 at 06:54 PM

AB

PS I will never forget my going-away from Municipal Affairs. I was given a photo of my large filing cabinet drawer with all my many shoes lined up and a card saying they would miss Imelda Marcos!

Anne Bastedo - November 06, 2024 at 06:55 PM

NF

“ I will treasure the memories of our our Christmas Day phone calls.

Norma Fitchett - November 05, 2024 at 05:28 PM

JF

“ *Treasured memories of a favourite Uncle, Great Uncle, friend and adventurer. Some of the most wonderful meals I've had were made by Ron on my trips to visit him and my Aunt Val with Catherine and Gabe. A thoughtful and generous man, a life well lived, much loved, missed and remembered*



Jill Fitchett - November 05, 2024 at 04:50 PM

ML

“ *Valerie - I was thinking about you and Ron last week. He was a great guy with a great partner. Life well lived.*
Maurice Lloyd

Maurice and Sally Lloyd - November 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM

PD

“ *Valerie: So very sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to you and the family.*
Peter

Peter Duffy - November 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM