

# Archibald Maynard Haigh Carthew

June 11, 1933 – April 11, 2023



On April 11, 2023, two months shy of 90, a veritable gentleman slipped away. Haigh was charming, witty, intellectual, sporty, handsome, and adventurous. He was a man of integrity with principles of honesty, discipline, faith, and loyalty to family – both biological and chosen.

Haigh eschewed a predictable life in the UK to emigrate to Canada. Landing in Montreal, he made lifelong friends before moving to Toronto, where he met wife Barbara. Haigh worked for Bell Canada for 35 years, including 3 years in Saudi Arabia 1980-82.

Haigh and family relocated to Yellowknife in 1993 where he transitioned from paid to voluntary work. He lent his years of experience, eye to detail, and mastery of the English language to numerous boards and organizations, including: the St. John's Ambulance Society, advisor to the Special Committee on National Unity regarding national constitutional matters, the NWT Dog Sledding Association, Yellowknife Tennis Club, Military Officer's Mess, Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, political engagement for local federal party candidates and campaigns, the NWT Pipe Band, the Yellowknife Scottish Country Dancers, and many others.

During a visit to Nova Scotia, Haigh and Barb fell in love with the South Shore and built their dream home on a hill overlooking the Atlantic. Between the walks, local engagements, company with neighbours, and family visits, life on the Hill was full and fulfilling. Haigh and Barbara enjoyed 23 years in this setting.

Haigh will be recalled fondly for the echoing of his bagpipes, his wit, penchant for poetic recitation, and his signature champagne cocktails! He was a constant volunteer, a spiritual seeker, a talented athlete, historian, and an energetic Scottish country dancer.

Haigh took great pride in his family and is survived by wife Barb, children Chris (Lisa), Kirsten (Bruno) and Ruaraidh (Katarina), grandchildren Leo, Norah, Alma, Fraser, Archie, Maeve, and Arlo. RIP Dad - may you find the heaven you had envisioned, and all that it entails.

Haigh cherished his time in Yellowknife and the people he crossed paths with. If you would like to share memories or send condolences, please do so through **Sweeny's Funeral Home**.

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