

# John David Leslie McNaughton

April 20, 1951 – February 25, 2009

Born in Montreal, David McNaughton grew up in Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont. He attended Bishops College School, in Lennoxville, Quebec, Ashbury College and Algonquin College in Ottawa. Born with wanderlust in his heart, David would, after spending a year living in San Francisco with his brothers Andrew and Bruce, in 1969 ('nuff said), embark on a journey north that would change his life forever.

David's brother Andrew was a field biologist in the Northwest Territories, and the two ventured north in the early 1970's, where David would spend the rest of his life. David's early years in the North were spent in Norman Wells and Inuvik, driving heavy equipment for the oil companies and army. Under the midnight sun in Inuvik, he met his soulmate, Jeanne who would be the love of his life, and they would remain inseparable for the next 34 years. In the 1980's, David agreed to trade in his dirt bike and skidoo for his three little "angels", Gillian, Chelsea and Norah. Shortly thereafter his ponytail would disappear, coincidentally, the older his children grew the more hair he seemed to lose; and he never hesitated to point out this connection.

With parenthood on the horizon, he began working as a technician and announcer for CBC in 1981, and worked his way up through the

ranks to Operations Manager. His daughter Gilly would often accompany him to the station to browse the record room. While growing up in Inuvik, his daughters would hear his voice on the radio every morning before school – the Inuvik equivalent of having a celebrity dad. During those days, his alter ego "Desperado Dave" hosted the notorious CBC Radio Saturday Night Request Show.

David's career with CBC would become a passion in his life, over the next 27 years. CBC staff were family, the station a second home and David championed for CBC Northern services. His career would take his family briefly to Ottawa and then finally to Yellowknife in 1994. In 2007, David was blessed with a grandson, Sebastian and loved every moment they had together.

Spending his final years of work as the Regional Operations Manager, David was just beginning to procrastinate retiring and was looking forward to traveling and spending time with his family when he succumbed to his illness.

**A memorial service will be held in the main hall at the Tree of Peace on Thursday, March 5 at 1:30 pm.**

All friends, family and those in between are welcome and we encourage all to bring memories and stories they'd like to share.

Those who are unable to attend are invited to share their thoughts with us via [OurMemoriesOfDavid@gmail.com](mailto:OurMemoriesOfDavid@gmail.com), and we would be pleased to share those stories at the memorial.

David will be forever missed by the love of his life, Jeanne, daughters Gilly, Chelsea and Norah, Grandson Sebastian, Coconut his feline napping partner of over 20 years, brothers Bruce (Kasia) and Andrew, sisters Virginia (Eve), Sandra, in-law's Carolee and Steve, Shirley and Ed, grandmother Norah, his 14 nieces and nephews, and countless, countless friends. He will never leave our hearts.

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. John Morse, Dr. Tom Guzowski, the incredible nurses on the Medicine and ICU units at Stanton Hospital, the Wyman, Zachariassen, Wong, and Gardiner families, Sarah Power, Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Kimberly Galbaransingh, the CBC family and all of our amazing and countless friends and family, for whose strength, love and support have helped us through this life-altering time.

