



Rev. Tom Murray

February 21, 1942 - May 3, 2022

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Reverend Tom Murray. Our loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and dear brother who passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

He was born February 21, 1942, in Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of the late Tom Murray and Elizabeth Murray (née Wishart). He married Brenda, the love of his life, on Dec 26, 1964, and they shared 57 years of marriage filled with adventures. Together they traveled, enjoyed the theatre, and danced through life's ups and downs. The highlight of their life together was raising their three girls.

Tom had a passion for knowledge and continued his pursuit of lifelong learning. He studied at McMaster University, Emmanuel College, York University, and Brock University throughout his life, earning a Bachelor of Arts, Licentiate in Theology, and his Masters degree. He was ordained by the United Church of Canada in June 1977 and spent 38 years in the ministry before retiring due to the effects of Dementia in 2015. His life's work was to serve others with compassion and grace.

A self-taught craftsman, Tom could build anything with care and precision. From cradles to cottages, if there weren't instructions, he would write them. He was an avid reader who loved all books, from the classics, biographies, his Bible, and beyond. He loved the movies more than most, and there was no better night out than 2 hours at the pictures with a bag of buttery popcorn with a side of Glossets. He loved all sweets, and his charades game was second to none.

Tom is survived by his wife Brenda Murray (née Hall), brother Alec Murray, his three daughters Donna Twining (David), Karen Pogue (David), Sandra Kay (David), and his grandchildren Brandon, Tyler, Abbey, Ethan, Owen, William, Oliver, and Charlie. He was also a loving grand-paw to Tucker, Sammie, Winter, Oreo, and Ellie.

In celebration of Tom's life, a service will be held on Friday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at West

Plains United Church, 549 Plains Road West, Burlington. Masks are required for the public service. Special thanks go out to the many home care workers and staff at Hampton Terrace for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

<https://alzheimer.ca/en/take-action/donate>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

West Plains United Church
549 Plains Road West
Burlington, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dear Brenda, Donna, Karen, Sandra and families,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you. We met Tom here in Owen Sound, on our street, and at your house! He was a very nice, kind man, and he was very much a wonderful Grandfather to his grandchildren, along with Brenda as Grandmother.
Each time he visited, all of you went to the movies! That is so nice.
We will have fond memories of Tom visiting our neighbourhood.

Sincerely,
Marti and Bob and Family

Martha Clendinning - May 06 at 02:19 PM

BP

“ Rev. Tom Murray was a cherished minister and friend of my parents, Bev and Basil St. Pierre during his ministry at St. Pauls United Church Stirling Ontario. I myself, will remember his ministry and help through some difficult times that I had.
In August 2001 we lost my Dad to cancer in less than 2 months. A time made bearable only with the support of our minister and friend, Rev. Tom Murray. He and Dad were best of friends.
Rev. Tom will be remembered with such treasured memories.
One in particular was a 2 week stay at a Condo in Myrtle Beach with he and Brenda.
So many laughs and good times.
Always remembered and loved
Bev and Brenda St. Pierre
Condolences to all of his family at this time

Bev and Brenda St. Pierre - May 05 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ So sad to hear of Tom's passing! Many happy memories with Tom and Brenda in Stirling! Our deepest condolences to Brenda, girls, and family ❤️ He was a very educated and caring man!
Rob and Lois Bastedo

Lois Bastedo - May 05 at 07:10 PM

JW

“ My sincere thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Rev. Murray has often been in my thoughts since I was a little girl. He was a special friend and wonderful support to My Dad..Gary James Wilson..Sr, through his illness and his passing in 1986. He made a difference in my Dads life, and left a lasting imprint in my heart. I am honoured to to have these memories. I will forever see a rainbow and remember his smile....

I will never forget the compassion, empathy and kindness...Mr. Murray and his entire family showed me during a very difficult time.

Jody Wilson - May 05 at 02:54 PM

LI

“ Tom was a gentle spirit! He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family who have done so much to support their Dad/husband on his journey.

Lisa - May 05 at 01:02 PM

LC

“ MY DEEPEST AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE WHOLE FAMILY , THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME , LOVE LYNE



LYNE COTE - May 05 at 10:55 AM