



William (Bill) Gerald George Martin

July 17, 1946 - March 23, 2020

Came into this world on July 17, 1946, in Ottawa Ontario, and left this world on March 23, 2020, at Hamilton Health Sciences, Hamilton General Hospital. He will be greatly missed by many people young and old alike who were fortunate to have had him in their lives. He was mischievous and fun, with an enormous appreciation for life. He was a good person, loving, generous, friendly, and very hard working. Many have fond memories of Bill, as a Respiratory Therapist, a passionate, competitive healthcare diagnostic sales representative, entrepreneur, a Jensen car enthusiast and wise friend.

Whether perfecting his cooking talents with the latest technology, enjoying local craft beers or sipping fine wine, repairing or restoring cars, touring and racing his cars, cheering for the Maple Leafs, trying to find the best deals online, he was a happy man. He was a devoted husband of 46 years to Adele. He was a very proud father who celebrated and admired Kyle (Anna) and Leigh (Steve). He was a treasured Dido to his precious grandchildren Jude, Reid and Mavrik. He was a big brother, sometimes a pain, but truly loved, to sisters Marilyn (Bob) and Mae. He was a brother to Ron (predeceased) and Barry (predeceased). He was Uncle Bill to nieces and nephew Kelly, Shannon, Tobi, Andria, Jesse, Kerri, Leslie and Buddy (predeceased). He leaves behind many great nieces and nephews, in-laws, friends and neighbours.

Bill maintained an excellent quality of life during his retirement, travelling, car shows, lunches out with his buddies, visiting with dear friends, touring wineries, visiting his family in BC, face-timing, restoring his British cars, keeping in touch with current events, always sharing jokes- laughing the hardest and taking beer breaks on the back deck with Adele after working hard on the property saying over and over again "I love my life".

Weeks ago, he entered Hamilton General Hospital with pneumonia and lost his battle very quickly. Adjusting to hospital life was tough in the ICU but made easier by the expertise of critical care nurses, Intensivists and the healthcare team who treated Bill with compassion and dignity.

Deep appreciation goes out to Bill's dearest friend Ken, who gave Adele relentless support through this very difficult time.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather again. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Covenant House, or to a charity of your choice, to help improve the quality of life for others.

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ Dear Adele. I only met Bill a few times but I always heard from Jake how welcoming both of you were to Kyle's friends. Jake considers Kyle a brother and we have loved having him here at our home. Please know that I have been praying for you and your family at this very great time of loss.

Much love

Anne Fisher

anne fisher - April 10, 2020 at 09:50 PM

WS

“ Adele and family...We are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We have known you both for many years and had fun times together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love Allan and Wendy Schmidt

Wendy Schmidt - April 08, 2020 at 01:53 PM

MW

“ Adele, Kyle, Leigh, Marilyn, Mae and families,
I am so very sorry to hear about Bill's passing.
I will remember his great sense of humour, his warm generosity and how he loved his family. You were a 'power' couple whom I always admired ... and I always enjoyed being around you both. Lots of laughter, lots of good food - always fun.
Adele - I know you have soooo many wonderful memories.... I hope they will keep you warm as you continue on without your Bill. David and I are thinking of you all.
Marlene Warnysky & David Yunker

MARLENE WARNYSKY - April 07, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JF

“ Adele, Kyle, Leigh, and family...I want to share my deep sadness for the loss of your husband and father. Since I was about 14, I remember spending time at the Martin household where Bill and Adele were always so welcoming of us wild teenagers. Kyle always had the best parties, and at times I am sure it was trying for you both ;) Bill has always been the kind of pseudo dad to us all, and always made us feel welcome when we were over hanging out with Kyle. I remember when I was newly married and Kyle was living out west, Bill and Adele had us over to the house for a nice dinner and I marvelled at how I was now hanging out with my mate's parents...and enjoying it! Bill of course cooked some delicious red meat on the BBQ, and we all sat like equals around the dinner table. It was lovely and I will remember that always.

A few years ago I lost my dad and was in bewilderment. The one piece of advice that has served me well in grieving the loss of my dad was to always feel sadness when it came on...lean into the sharp edges of my pain, for if left to a more convenient time, it might have passed leaving me feeling even more confused. Another thing I learned as we, the nuclear family spent 10 days alone together after his passing, was to not feel guilty laughing when we felt like it, cry when we felt like it, and sit in silence when we needed it.

Death seems so normal when you read it on the news, and so unnatural when its your own loved one. There will be times when you forget he is gone, and then all of a sudden remember. what has happened. It's jarring, but it happens and it gets less so with time.

Please know I am mourning with you all the over here in Hong Kong. I hope this time can be one of closeness for your family and that together you can be comforted.

Much love,

Jake

Jake Fisher - April 04, 2020 at 08:33 AM

AF

Dear family, I am so sorry for your loss. Kyle, you have been like a brother to Jake. I remember with joy having all of you boys here together at the lake. Please send my love to Anna and the children. Adele, I have been praying for you over these past weeks. I wish for you and Leigh and all your family that you are able to gather close together. My prayers are with you all.

Much love,
Anne Fisher

anne fisher - April 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM



Thank you Jake. Very moving and honest. My dad loved "the boys" and would do anything for them. You were part of that loved crew. Every day I find another song or something that reminds me of him and my life growing up. These memories are his life still abounding.

Kyle Martin - April 05, 2020 at 02:00 PM

DB

“ For Adele & Family, Marilyn, Bob & Family, Mae & Family: I am so very very sorry to hear your sad news. I have known your families for many years and have many great memories of times spent visiting. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy and condolences go to each of you. May many great memories sustain you all. Love from Diana Beatty.



Diana Beatty - April 03, 2020 at 10:48 PM

LW

*“ Thoughts and prayers are with family at this time.
God Bless
Lynn and Tom White*

Lynn White - April 03, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CS

“ What a wonderful human being! Our condolences to Mae, Marilyn and Bob on your loss. May the memories help sustain you during this difficult time.

Carol and Bill Sharpe - April 03, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JB

*“ Adele I am so so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you, Kyle and Leigh

Big hugs to the three of you ❤️*

josee belanger - April 03, 2020 at 08:05 PM

“*Bill Martin, what a guy! I knew him to be a dedicated and understanding family man, a generous and supportive brother to his sisters, and a witty, fun, intuitive and devoted friend. He relished a good joke, good times, fast cars and the adventure of travel to new places. His tough start in life probably gave him the drive to do well and appreciate all his experiences with family and friends.*

He was the kind of person with whom you could share your most inner thoughts – big or small, and he always could reply with some of his unique, witty wisdom. During his life he was able to engage successfully in many different hobbies, jobs and general interests. Anything he wanted to do was attacked with absolutely no fear of failure. Bill respected honesty and achievement accomplished with integrity. He relished beating someone at their own game and being first.

Intelligent preparation, hard work, a highly competitive spirit, the ability to talk to anyone about almost anything combined with the ability to read people effectively, didn't hurt in making Bill into one of the top salesmen of any company that ever hired him. When shopping for himself though, Bill wasn't very lucky. I doubt he ever found a bargain of any kind in his life, poor guy.

My most treasured memories in recent times with Bill (& Adele) are encompassed in the best ever road trip the four of us took on the legendary Route 66. We enjoyed incredible sights, some fabulous foods and spirits, and of course Bill (and I) were able to test the German heritage of our newly acquired sports cars – and we did, to the excitement of our lovely ladies.

I am going to miss Bill's sharp, quick wit, discussion of our inner most secrets and his never ending support and friendship. I feel exceptionally lucky to have been able to call him my very best friend for these past 50 years. In times to come Gayle and I will likely be partaking in many toasts of good wine or fine spirits along with food that we know Bill loved to cook and share. A big shout out to Bill!



Ken & Gayle Kritzer - April 02, 2020 at 10:58 AM



Beautifully written. Thank you Ken.

Kyle Martin - April 02, 2020 at 06:28 PM

JB

Adèle i am so so sorry for your loss. My heart and thoughts go out to you and Kyle and Leigh.

Big hugs to all of you

josee belanger - April 03, 2020 at 07:35 PM

MG

Thanks ken very well done

mae grealey - April 03, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BC

“ *We are heart broken to loose our good friend. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Adele and your family at this time even though we cannot be together. We are going to miss all the great times we had together! Of course they usually included lots of fabulous food and drinks. We know Bill will be smiling down on us as we remember the good times!*



Bill and Linda Carson - March 31, 2020 at 10:44 AM

KA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



karenHenderson - March 30, 2020 at 06:45 PM