



Lewis Graham McHardy

November 14, 2018

Lewis Graham Hardy McHardy of Philadelphia passed away on the 14th November 2018. More usually known as Graham, Dad, or Grandpa, he was very much loved by many. Graham passed away peacefully at home amongst those that loved him after a campaign with Cancer. He won many of the battles along the way and fought bravely.

Graham is loved by his children - Alastair, Rachel and Tristan, also by his step children Erin & Dennis. Also by his grand children's Jet, Max, Pippa, Angel, Talisha, Nikki, and Leo, plus all those other kids that loved him.

Graham had a fascinating life. Born on the Isle of Arran in Scotland to Donald and Nanette. Notably Donald was a Battle of Britain Hurricane fighter pilot. Donald was shot down over the Northern France during WWII and spent most of the rest of the war in Stalag Luft III - that's another story.

Graham went to school at Christ's Hospital in Surrey, England. With a very successful academic record he left to join the merchant navy. A degree in Naval Architecture followed from Cardiff University, some more Navy years, and then a Masters in Systems Architecture from Lancaster University. During this time Graham had met and married Pam, and started a family.

At some point Graham won a competition and became a lifelong member to MENSA - club for smart kids.

After Lancaster, Graham joined Rohm & Haas and so started a very important chapter that would play a defining role. Rohm & Haas was a main stay for many years, providing introductions to many, many new friends and colleagues, new travel destinations, and new learnings. Eventually Rohm & Haas provided the opportunity for Graham to move to Philadelphia, and so began the US chapter.

Graham charmed people and made friends wherever he went. Those that met him were

generally happier for the experience.

Over Graham's time he was a driver and a party of, Mensa, Toenails, Toastmasters. But so much more he was a patron of the ballet and other Philly arts.

A well rounded and super smart guy, a role model for many. One thing many may know is that Graham had a never say 'no' mentality, so he did everything.

I am so proud of him. I love him. He was our dad. We miss him. On behalf of my family , I am sending my love to my dad and wish him to rest in peace with our love forever

Services and Interment Private.

Comments



“ Yesterday we had a most wonderful experience at Grahams Memorial gathering. Testaments of when, where and how he made lasting impressions on those sharing an experience - went on for hours. His beliefs were "Darwinian", with a spiritual touch akin to a favored poem titled Desiderata by Max Ehrmann. The universal take at the end of this impressive mans Life Celebration left each - with a personal sense that - we are all better for having known him. We left feeling enriched And inspired - grateful for that opportunity to be called A Friend. ...mm

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“ It would be remiss to have no mention of a decades long shared companionship with a most supportive and loving partner named Ruth in this wonderful mans life. It does surprise me that Graham did not contribute a draft to his own obit. He was quite thorough in most of "what mattered". It would seem plausible also, to include mention of his extended family with whom he contributed much to with his love. His influence will carry on... mm

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