

ROBERT GORDON TROWER



Rob passed away on Sunday, August 10 at the age of sixty-eight, at his home on Otty Lake after a brief illness. He will be greatly missed by his wife of forty-four years, Sue, his two children, Beth (Heiko) and Will (Cat), as well as his three grandsons, Colin, Tom and Andrew. He left with his loving family close by and his trusty dogs, Emma and Sophie, at his side.

Rob was born in Montreal and moved to Perth via Toronto in 1985, having turned away from the city for the country life he had always dreamed of. It was the job of Manager of Shaw's of Perth that first brought him to the area, which was followed by nearly ten years in financial planning, before retiring in 2005.

Rob enjoyed every moment of his retirement. An avid outdoorsman, he loved trout fishing, partridge hunting, canoe tripping, kayaking and snowshoeing. He has camped and kayaked in Georgian Bay with Sue, paddled some of Canada's remote and wild rivers with Beth and Will, and fished in Northern Quebec with his friends. In recent years, Rob delighted in sharing his passion for fishing with his eager and admiring grandsons.

Throughout his adult life, Rob took pleasure in restoring and repurposing antiques, such as turning windows into mirrors and wagon wheel hubs into lamps. Just last year, he completely transformed a neglected 1950s era wooden boat into a working masterpiece.

Rob was the essence of resourcefulness, making the old new again, repairing almost anything and finding ingenious solutions to everyday problems.

His core values of integrity, truthfulness and reliability have been passed along to his children and grandchildren and the greatest impression he could leave, was the courage and grace he exhibited during his devastating illness.

A private celebration of Rob's life will be held at a future date. In the meantime, those wishing to salute Rob are asked to raise a glass of fine single malt scotch in his honour. Reflecting his life-long love of the outdoors, donations to the Canadian Wildlife Federation or the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), would be appreciated.