



Peter Graham Hill

It is with hearts both heavy with sadness and filled with gratitude for his life that we announce the loss of Peter Graham Hill, who passed away Sunday 28th July at Victoria County Memorial Hospital. Peter was born in Swindon, England, on 5th January 1945. He spent most of his youth in London before attending university in Yorkshire. In 1966 he immigrated to Canada, settling first in Hamilton, Ontario and then moving to take up a position at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta. It was there he met Linda Hill (née Hudson), the woman who was soon to become his lifelong companion, love, and wife. 1973 saw the arrival of their first child, Timothy David, followed in 1975 by their daughter, Emily Robin, to both of whom he was a generous and devoted father. In the years that followed Peter was to traverse most of the breadth of his adopted country, living and working variously in Ontario and Saskatchewan before finally settling in Edmonton, Alberta where his endless curiosity found a natural outlet in a role with the Department of Advanced Education.

In 2001 he and Linda retired to Cape Breton. Though it was Linda who was the native 'Caper', all who knew Peter will remember how much he cared for both the people and landscape of the island. Peter always had a friendly word and time for a chat with people on his daily rounds in Baddeck, which almost always included the library to satisfy his voracious appetite for books; and, when he wasn't there he could often be found fishing the waters he loved the most: the Margaree, Baddeck and Middle Rivers. Through his involvement with Wild Salmon Unlimited and the Margaree Salmon Association, he worked tirelessly for the protection of these waterways, ensuring, with his patience and commitment, that the waters he cherished so much would be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Those close to Peter will remember him as a great talker - someone with a huge interest in the world and broad horizons, filled with an erudition and a curiosity he was always willing to share. But those closest to him remember him even more as a listener: as someone who was always interested in what other people had to say, how they lived their lives, and what they valued in them. Peter was always ready not just to learn from others, but also to understand and support them - a quality that made him a wonderful husband, a compassionate father, a caring uncle, a warm and welcoming in-law, a loving grandfather, and a treasured friend.

Thanks to the staff at the QEII Infirmary, Unit 7.3, especially the nurses and Dr. Weeks and at the VCMH, especially the nurses and Dr. Genge and Dr. Ritter, for their professional and compassionate care. Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Breton Regional Library in Baddeck or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: [www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com)