

Mr. Thomas K. McManus

June 7, 1942 - April 14, 2018

Thomas Kirkwood McManus, physicist, writer and poet, and a cherished husband, father and grandfather, passed away at 75 on Saturday, April 14, 2018. He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and grew up there during the 1950s and early 60s, remembering it as a wonderful, warm city prior to the troubles the city endured during the late 60s through 90s. Educated at Belfast Royal Academy and Queens University of Belfast, he emigrated to Canada in 1966 after accepting a mathematical research position at Northern Electric, and retired from the same company - last known as Nortel - in 2002 in Atlanta as vice president of process development. In retirement, he traveled the world with his wife Jennifer while also writing and publishing two books, and sending many colorful letters to the editors at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (many of which were published). He was an intelligent, gentle and fiercely kind person. In his poem titled In Hopes, he wrote, "Life is over in a flash, and it must be played to the full. To do otherwise is folly, and unnecessary. Love is life. Life is love." He is survived by his wife Jennifer, nephew Aaron, daughters Stephanie and Susannah, sons-in-law Gregory and Brian, and grandson Henry Thomas, who carries the same sparkle in his eyes as his granddad Tom. He is preceded in death by his father John McManus, mother Maria Dilworth McManus, sister Marie Woods, and beloved golden retriever Rosie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to the Winship Lung Cancer Fund online at winshipcancer.emory.edu or to:

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University
Development Office
1762 Clifton Road, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30322

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

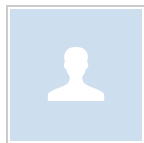
12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Tribute Wall



“ *I studied physics with Tommy at Queens. Before our finals exam we'd meet up every evening after studying all day just to relax with a few pints of Guinness. A great bloke, I've lots of great memories*
Ian Ritchie

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“ *Mr. Thomas K. McManus*

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“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss; my thoughts are with you and your children during this difficult time.*
Tom was one of the good guys He will be missed by so many that he helped.
Sincerely
Jeff Kingdon

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