

McSweeney, John Robert



Passed away peacefully at his home in Orillia, ON May 2nd at the age of 79. Beloved husband of Mildred McSweeney (nee McDermott) for 45 years. Devoted father to Jim Kavanaugh (Kathleen), Ken Kavanaugh & Sharon Kavanaugh/McSweeney (Peter).

John was born in Kapuskasing, ON. He loved Canada's north and spent 26 years in Iqaluit, NU. He was a Music & English teacher at GREC and elementary teacher at Nakasuk. The Facebook messages of condolence from his former students are a moving testament to his dedication & the gift of music he gave so many. His family would like to thank everyone for their comforting comments. John loved creating community performances with his students; Christmas Concerts, Talent Shows, etc. His volunteer work included Chair of the Toonik Tyme Committee & co-founder & President of the Baffin Island Regional Museum where he worked tirelessly to preserve & catalogue Inuit artifacts.

Upon retirement, John and Millie settled in Orillia where he continued to be active in the community.

He will be deeply missed by his many friends and family.

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