

ROBERT JAMES HOOKEY March 20, 1940 - January 13, 2017

Robert Hookey was a renaissance man - a person with many interests and talents. Son of Dorothy Jackson and Ronald Hookey, Bob was born in London and grew up in Sarnia, Ontario with his six siblings: Barbara, Ronald Jr. (predeceased), Gregory (predeceased), Gale (predeceased), Ivan and Mark. Although originally enrolled in a pre-divinity program at McMaster, Robert concentrated his studies on English. Upon earning his BA, he trained as a Teacher and taught for a year at Westdale Collegiate in Hamilton. When the new Community College system opened the next year, he was hired as a faculty member at Mohawk College. His deep interest in film and animation led to a position as a faculty member at Sheridan College where he thoroughly enjoyed teaching English as well as storytelling to animators. Bob's ideas for a new kind of college English textbook led to coauthoring two texts titled "Contest", that featured the writing of college English students as exemplars; Bob also wrote a number of articles for film journals in the 1970s and 1980s. Robert earned his Master of Science degree from SUNY, Buffalo, where he concentrated on Creative Studies. As a volunteer, he hosted and produced two television shows for ten years on Rogers Cable TV: Cinema Scene and the Bob Hookey Show. Robert served as President of Phi Delta Kappa - University of Toronto Chapter, as Chair of the McMichael Volunteer Committee and as President of the Alliston PROBUS Club. In his retirement years, Bob enjoyed golf and poker with his buddies. He always gave credit and expressed gratitude for his happy life to all those who helped him along the way. Robert leaves behind a devoted family: his son Jason, wife Carol and much-loved granddaughter Tess, sister-in-law Lillian, his step-daughters Laura and Jennifer and son-in-law Mike. He was a dearly loved "Huggie" to granddaughters Stephanie (Fergus), Valerie (Shane) and Cali (Jeff) and to great-granddaughters Clover, Evelyn, Rayna and Madison. Robert's wife Mary will be forever grateful for his 37 years of thoughtfulness, affection and the encouragement he offered her to also lead her own full life. He will be missed. Visitation was held at W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston, on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 12 noon until time of service in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. If desired, donations to the [Canadian Cancer Society](#) would be appreciated.