



## Mark Thomas Pullen

December 2, 1954 - April 28, 2026

Mark Pullen passed away on April 28, 2026, at the age of 71, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mark will be remembered as a compassionate, caring, and deeply talented man whose humour and warmth left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. A gifted musician and natural entertainer, he brought joy to family and friends for decades with his wide array of instruments and his ability to make people laugh, no matter the moment.

A proud and dedicated firefighter, Mark served with The City of Burnaby Fire Department and ended his long career as Captain of the Training Division. He founded the Burnaby Urban Search and Rescue team (USAR) and the K9 unit. Through this volunteer work, he and the team, alongside their highly trained BUSAR K9 search and rescue dogs, took part in several international volunteer deployments to help communities in times of crisis. His leadership, bravery, and commitment to service leave behind an extraordinary legacy.

At home, Mark built a life grounded in love and partnership. Together with his beloved wife of 52 years, Maureen, they built their family home with the support and camaraderie of his firefighter colleagues, and longtime friend Katherine, creating not just a house, but a gathering place filled with laughter, music, and lasting memories.

Mark was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Mary Pullen, and his in-laws, Vic and Norma Cavanagh. He will be deeply missed by Maureen, his

wife and the true love of his life; his siblings, Louise (John), Lloyd (Leslie), Bridget (Patrick), Sheila (Steve), Harry (Hélène), and Rachel (John); and his extended family, including his brother-in-law Ken, and sisters-in-law Kathryn (Clay), Susan (Peter), and Shirley (Jack).

Though deeply missed, Mark's spirit lives on in the many lives he touched.

There is a new star in the heavens, and we can only imagine it shining brightly, just as Mark did, leaving us, as always, with a smile.

The family is grateful to the St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Ward for their medical expertise and compassionate care.

A Celebration of Life will be held, details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful if donations could be made to Burnaby Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) in Mark's memory. <https://burnabyusar.ca/about> and follow "SUPPORT OUR MISSION" banner

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the Pullan family. We were very sorry to read of his passing. We were neighbours and friends for many years, and our hearts go out to all of his family and friends. Lovingly, Elaine and Jack. ❤️❤️.

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**Elaine and Jack Beaumont** - May 05 at 09:59 AM

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*My thoughts, my prayers, my condolences to Marks family, his wife who is my precious sister, and to my entire family. Kathy*

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**kathy Roach** - May 07 at 08:57 PM