

Morgan, David Robert

Local composer dies from heart attack

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Belleville composer David Robert Morgan, 55, died Saturday after suffering a heart attack at the Belleville Fitness and Squash Club.

He was attending a social event at the club and was attended immediately by fellow club member Dr. Patrick O'Boyle-Kelly.

Unfortunately, resuscitation attempts were unsuccessful.

A native of Britain who studied music at the Royal Academy during the 1960s, he moved to Belleville in 1981. Morgan was a full-time composer who worked from his studio, adjacent to his Foster Avenue home.

His composing reputation was firmly established in Britain and parts of Europe by the 1960s, and in recent years Morgan's work was gaining a growing audience in

Canada. Among his compositions performed locally was Three Tudor Lyrics, performed by the Tudor Singers in Belleville Feb. 17. The same work was also performed at Albert College last year, by the visiting Queen's University Chamber Singers.

Morgan, an avid squash player, was a member of the Belleville Fitness and Squash Club.

He is survived by his wife, Suzan Maribeth Cooke, and a daughter, Caitlin. He was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooke, of Belleville. He was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morgan, and a sister, Pauline Pettet.

Funeral was scheduled for today, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of the John R. Bush Funeral Home.

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