


DEATHS

CUNNINGHAM, William Henry
1953-2012

William (Bill) Henry Cunningham, born August 8, 1953, died unexpectedly at his home in Guelph, ON on Sunday, May 6, 2012. Born in Providence, R.I., he was the son of William B. and the late Mary Ann (Fowler) Cunningham, who moved to Bill's 'home town' of Sackville, NB within the first year of his life. Upon graduation from high school, Bill moved to Ontario, being employed at various times in the Greater Toronto Area, Hamilton, Owen Sound and Guelph. Besides his father, of Sackville, NB, Bill is survived and will be deeply missed by his daughter Lisa and son-in-law Jesse Forrest of Acton, ON.; his son Randy and daughter-in-law Carrie of Petawawa, ON; three sisters, Marilyn Cunningham of Moncton, NB, Lorinda Cormier of Regina, SK, and Michelle Cunningham of Moncton, NB; three brothers, Norbert of Petitcodiac, NB, Randy of Moncton, NB and Bruce of Regina, SK; two step-sisters, Kathy Treash and Susan Treash of Sackville, NB., two step-brothers, Martin Treash of Orillia, ON. and Andrew Treash of Toronto, ON; as well as many nieces, nephews, and a large extended family of cousins. The family will receive friends at The MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, 55 Mill Street East, Acton on Sunday, May 13th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The funeral service will be conducted by The Rev. Canon J. Mark Tiller in the "Shoemaker Chapel" on Monday at one o'clock. Remembrances to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences and donations may be made at www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com

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JACKSON, Jean

The family of Jean Jackson sadly announces her passing at Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus, on Sunday, May 6, 2012, at age 93. Jean Marion Aitken, wife of the late George Jackson (1968) of Acton. Loving mother of Jean and the late Glen Jackson (2010) of Elora. Grandmother of Mark and Laurie, Trudy and the late David Jackson (2005), Karen and Fred Clark, Jeff and Janet, great grandchildren Meagan, Keagan, Kaela, Maxwell, Marshall, Chrystal, Grace, Luke, Matthew, Kaitlyn, Devin, Ryan and great great grandchildren Juliet, Sandor and Jack. Sister of Edna (and Mike George) of Georgetown and the late Calvin Aitken, Annie Leslie, and Irene Swackhamer. As were Jean's wishes, she has been cremated and a memorial service will be held in the Blue Springs Funeral Home Chapel, Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 1 p.m. There will be a time for visiting the hour before the service and at the reception that follows. Interment, Everton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers remembrances to the Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, The Parkinson's Foundation or The Lung Association would be appreciated.

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The fundamental failure of environmentalism

By David Suzuki

Environmentalism has failed. Over the past 50 years, environmentalists have succeeded in raising awareness, changing logging practices, stopping mega-dams and offshore drilling, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. But we were so focused on battling opponents and seeking public support that we failed to realize these battles reflect fundamentally different ways of seeing our place in the world. And it is our deep underlying worldview that determines the way we treat our surroundings.

We have not, as a species, come to grips with the explosive events that have changed our relationship with the planet. For most of human existence, we lived as nomadic hunter-gatherers whose impact on nature could be absorbed by the resilience of the biosphere. Even after the Agricultural Revolution 10,000 years ago, farming continued to dominate our lives. We cared for nature. People who live close to the land understand that seasons, climate, weather, pollinating insects, and plants are critical to our well-being.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the birth of the environmental movement. In 1962, Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, which documented the terrible, unanticipated consequences of what had, until then, been considered one of science's great inventions, DDT. Paul Mueller, who demonstrated the effects of the pesticide, was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1948. In the economic boom after the Second World War, technology held out the promise of unending innovation, progress, and prosperity. Rachel Carson pointed out that technology has costs.

Carson's book appeared when no government had an environment department or ministry. Millions around the world were soon swept up in what we now recognize as the environmental movement. Within 10 years, the United Nations Environment Programme was created and

the first global environmental conference was held in Stockholm, Sweden.

With increasing catastrophes like oil and chemical spills and nuclear accidents, as well as issues such as species extinction, ozone depletion, deforestation, acid rain, and global warming, environmentalists pressed for laws to protect air, water, farmland, and endangered species. Millions of hectares of land were protected as parks and reserves around the world.

Thirty years later, in 1992, the largest gathering of heads of state in history met at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The event was meant to signal that economic activity could not proceed without considering ecological consequences. But, aided by recessions, popped financial bubbles, and tens of millions of dollars from corporations and wealthy neoconservatives to support a cacophony of denial from rightwing pundits and think tanks, environmental protection came to be portrayed as an impediment to economic expansion.

This emphasis of economy over environment, and indeed, the separation of the two, comes as humanity is undergoing dramatic changes. During the 20th century, our numbers increased fourfold to six billion (now up to seven billion), we moved from rural areas to cities, developed virtually all of the technology we take for granted today, and our consumptive appetite, fed by a global economy, exploded. We have become a new force that is altering the physical, chemical, and biological properties of the planet on a geological scale.

In creating dedicated departments, we made the environment another special interest, like education, health, and agriculture. The environment subsumes every aspect of our activities, but we failed to make the point that our lives, health, and livelihoods absolutely depend on the biosphere—air, water, soil, sunlight, and biodiversity. Without them, we sicken and die. This perspective is reflected in spiritual practices that understand that everything is interconnected, as well as traditional societies that revere "Mother Earth" as the source of all that matters in life.

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