



## Frank McGowan

October 4, 1955 - November 14, 2022

Francis "Wee Frankie" McGowan, 67, peacefully passed away on the morning of November 14th, 2022 at his home in Loganville, GA. He was born the youngest of five siblings on October 4th, 1955 to David McGowan and Elizabeth McElroy in Glasgow, Scotland.

During his younger years, Frank delighted in traveling to Scottish pubs with his band, strumming his rented Les Paul guitar. He also embarked on adventures hitchhiking to France and RVing across the USA.

While his career revolved around software development, Frank had a deep passion for teaching, music, and computers.

Frank had quite the adventure traveling for his career. Moving back to London with his beautiful Japanese wife and first born from the US, in 1990, Frank began his professional journey as a computer programmer while simultaneously a college professor of computer science at South Thames College. In 1992, he had the opportunity to move back to the US for a computer programming job with IBM, and continued to teach computer courses at Gwinnett Tech. However, this time, he moved to Atlanta with his wife and two children, where eventually they had 2 more children. From 2007-2021, he spent 28 years developing his skills as a software developer. Frank was a dedicated, loyal, specially skilled career man.

An eternal learner, Frank even taught himself enough Japanese to communicate directly with his wife in front of their children, using it as a secret language. From 2003 to 2009, he diligently pursued a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from the University of London. Frank's thirst for knowledge led him to explore diverse subjects, such as C++, photography, birds, pool, and any other topic that piqued his interest. His enthusiasm was infectious, and he eagerly shared his newfound passions with those around him.

During the last five, almost six years of his life, Frank valiantly battled stage IV colon cancer. Despite the challenges, he celebrated each significant milestone, including achieving remission in 2019 and surpassing the low 14% survival rate. Despite his declining health, he discovered moments of joy and remained resilient. In the fall of 2022, Frank's health unexpectedly deteriorated. Yet, his positive character continued to shine through, as he expressed gratitude, saying, "I'm always grateful for whatever I've had for as long as I had it. And never resented when it was taken away."

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David McGowan. He is survived by his sisters Moira McClay, Margaret Forrest, and Elizabeth Gray. He cherishes his love for his wife, Kumiko McGowan, and his legacy lives on through his children Jaimie McGowan and her husband Kyle Holmes, Christie McGowan, Allie McGowan, and Tony McGowan. Lastly, he showed great appreciation towards his night watch dog and companion Mickey.

Francis "Wee Frankie" McGowan will forever be remembered as a vibrant soul who embraced life with passion and curiosity. His adventurous spirit, love for music, and dedication to learning touched the hearts of all who knew him. Despite the challenges he faced during his battle with colon cancer, Frank's unwavering positivity and gratitude serves as an inspiration to us all.

His spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched. May his legacy continue to inspire us to embrace life's joys, seek knowledge, and approach each day with gratitude.

His Memorial Service was held on June 25th, 2023 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA.