

Celebrating the Life of Nicolae Tanciu a.k.a. Nae and Tata Nae

Born 1930-03-22 in Bailesti, Romania
Deceased 2016-02-07 in Montreal, Canada

- Married since 1953 to Rodica Margareta Scarlete from Plenita, Romania.
- Father of Christina, born 1955-09-23 in Craiova, Romania, residing in DDO with her husband Louis.
- Grandfather of Melina and Daniel from Montreal.

Nae and his older brother Mihai made their parents, Teodor and Georgeta Tanciu, very proud. Both brothers achieved high levels of education, Mihai becoming an engineer and Nae a surgeon. Both brothers had some serious artistic talents. Mihai was an accomplished painter, while Nae had a great hand at drawing and sketching. In the gene pool there is also some musical talent which at least Nae's granddaughter Melina inherited.

In the summer of 1971 Nae, Rodica and Christina left Romania to seek a better life and freedom from a communist regime and arrived in Canada in the spring of 1972, after spending 9 months in Italy in a refugee camp. That was a difficult yet joyous time for this little family.

In Canada Nae's physician credentials took a few years to be recognized. He had to do an internship and residencies in several Montreal hospitals (Lakeshore, Hotel Dieu and the Jewish General) before being able to take his board exams and be allowed to practice. At times this was grueling and frustrating, but he persevered. And succeeded.

He eventually moved to the small town of Ville Marie (Temiscamingue)

and worked at the local hospital for a couple of years. After that, growing a bit restless, Nae and Rodica spent another couple of years in Germany, working in a hospital in Saarbrücken.

Eventually they returned to Montreal and Nae got a more sedate job with the Federal Government, Veterans' Affairs, as medical counsellor. He also did a bit of private practice in various medical clinics.

He continued his private practice after he retired from his government job for a few more years, but eventually in his late 70s he retired completely. His health started to deteriorate about that time too. Perhaps retirement didn't agree with him.

Nae lived a full and exciting life alongside his wife, Rodica, during 63 years of marriage. They travelled extensively across Canada, the US, Mexico and have seen most countries in Europe. They enjoyed and doted on their grandchildren Melina and Daniel.

Nae will be remembered by friends and family as a very generous and tenacious man, with a fiery and highly opinionated character and a great sense of humor.