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## McNichol, Kingsley Bruce

Passed away peacefully at his home in Apsley  
Saturday August 11th at the age of 83.

Growing up in Mono Road, Bruce started his  
career at Avro Arrow. During that time McNichol  
Motors was opened and he ran that for 32  
years to eventually purchase Owenbrook Golf  
Course, his pride and joy where he resided for  
the past 30 plus years.

Father to Marnie (Alan) Clark  
and Paul (Barbara) McNichol.

Grandfather to Devin and Liam Clark along with  
Brandon and Jonathan McNichol .

Brother of Bill McNichol, Calgary, Wendy  
Boucher, Meaford, Ross McNichol  
(predeceased) Kamloops, Pat (Hal) Gregory,  
Palgrave, Janice (Chris) Yamamoto, Vancouver.

As per Bruce's wishes cremation has taken  
place and there will be no visitation or funeral  
services as he felt his 80th party was his best  
send off.

If desired memorial donations to the  
Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Cancer  
Care program would be appreciated.

## On Birds and Butterflies



*On the  
Watch*  
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Most birds are quiet now – at this time of the year. They do not need to tell the world that this is THEIR territory or seek a mate or protect their families. Their young are off on their own. We watched the young Robins in the nest outside our breakfast window as they grew bigger each day. Then one morning, the nest was empty. On our lawn, there were several adults being closely followed by their young, each carefully watching to see how Dad or Mom found food.

Now, those adults are enjoying time to themselves - getting in good trim to be able to survive the winter, either here or, as most do, to migrate those long miles south to the sheltered spots in the mountains west of Mexico City. They are beginning to socialize with other Robins, forming larger and larger groups that will roost together nightly - safety in numbers. In the day time here, those Robins fly in all directions to find food but come back to the same roost for the night. September and October are their big migration months - plus a few days into November.

Also migrating south, starting in mid-August, are Monarch Butterflies - millions of them! I was lucky to see several in August. They use the winds from the north to help them along. If the wind is from the south, you may see trees full of them along the north side of a lake, waiting for the wind to shift and help them along. Monarchs are a good-sized butterfly, orange with black wing edges - very beautiful.

During the Fall and Winter, they do not reproduce. The last of March, they become restless and mate. Males do not migrate back north; females lay their eggs on milkweed plants as they head north. These original females from the north usually die on their way back north again although a few survive but those look in poor shape - which is to be expected from a round trip from Canada to Mexico and back to Canada - a very long trip! A fascinating Butterfly, the Monarch.

Photo below: by David Clode on Unsplash.

