



## Robin G Nicholson

July 12, 1966 - February 15, 2026

Robin G. Nicholson (July 12, 1966 – February 15, 2026)

Robin G. Nicholson, beloved husband of Dianne Nicholson, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2026, at the age of 59. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Robin made Richmond, Virginia, his American home after moving to the U.S. in 2006. A museum director and passionate advocate for the arts, he touched countless lives through his work, creativity, and generous spirit. Robin and Dianne quietly celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on February 14, a day made even more special as they shared a final visit together in the hospital. They married on a beach in Key West in 2016, a memory Robin cherished deeply. He is also survived by his mother, Hazel Nicholson of Edinburgh, Scotland; his beloved Scottish terrier, Hamish; extended family in the U.K.; and friends and colleagues from around the world. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robin's memory to either the 1708 Gallery or the Valentine Museum, both Richmond art institutions which Robin supported.

As per Robins wishes, there will be no service.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was a school friend of Robin in Edinburgh and heard about his sad passing from other friends in our school group. We were also both undergraduates together at Cambridge University. I have very fond memories of Robin from that time and we all enjoyed hill-walking together in Scotland....Robin was a valued friend and always great fun with a dry sense of humour....sadly we lost touch after he moved to the USA. I did however follow his progress as he made his mark in Art and Museums around the US. I often thought about dropping him an email to reconnect and now very much regret not having done so....I am sending my condolences and thoughts to Dianne and to Robin's friends and family....and sharing a couple of very old photos which capture our time together in our beloved Scottish mountains....

*Iain*

*Dr Iain Beveridge*



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**Iain Beveridge** - March 06 at 11:23 AM

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*Hi Iain. I just wanted to let you know that Robin talked very fondly about hiking with his friends in the Highlands of Scotland. I'm sure that included you. Thank you for your condolences. He has been and will continue to be greatly missed.*

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**Dianne Nicholson** - April 07 at 04:57 PM

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“ I have known Robin since our frivolous youth at Cambridge - some 40 years - and it is so very sad to lose him. In recent years Robin became a Board Member of our pottery studio- Studio Pottery London - which meant seeing more of him in person and through Zoom. It was lovely to meet and get to know his wife Dianne too. Robin was a much valued and loved Board member whose suggestions and support meant a great deal to me personally as his friend and to my fellow board members. It is a shock that he is no longer with us, but his memory will be treasured. All of us here in London at the Studio send love and condolences especially to Dianne. Robin's life and career was cut short, but nevertheless shone brightly. Contemporaries too from Cambridge will remember Robin's charm and elegance with great fondness.

Gregory Tingay,  
Artist Director,  
Studio Pottery London

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**Gregory Tingay** - February 24 at 07:15 AM

DN

*Thank you so much Gregory. Love to you all.*

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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 28 at 12:28 PM

JT

“ I am devastated to learn of Robin's death through a posting on Facebook. Robin and I were art professional friends for over 20 years or longer. We met through our professional membership in APAA (Association of Professional Art Advisors) when he was the curator for the Drambuie Art Collection (Scottish art and 18th Century Jacobite sympathy glassware). Although I was twenty-five years older than Robin and a Texan, we became fast friends when we sat at the same table at a professional lunch in London. We reconnected at meetings in New York City, Paris, and Houston. I think humor rather than art cemented our friendship. Robin and I had lengthy telephone conversations all those years. When in Florida a year ago to Celebrate the Life of my husband's sister, we made a point to go to St.Petersburg to say hello to Robin and to tour The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art. When his dear wife Diane is ready to visit with me, I would very much like to connect with her. My website is [www.jacquelinehamilton.com](http://www.jacquelinehamilton.com). My married name is Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor.

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**Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor** - February 22 at 11:07 AM

HA

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Robin's passing. He was a treasured colleague and I have so many fond memories of his wit, intellect, and keen insights. He will be missed. Wishing peace and healing for his family and loved ones.

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**Halona** - February 19 at 09:47 PM

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Halona he spoke fondly of you. Thank you for your kind words.

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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 23 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Some pictures I cherish.*



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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 19 at 03:16 PM

ZW

“ *Robin was a remarkable and respected museum leader, but more importantly, he was a genuine, kind, and truly thoughtful person. I had the privilege of getting to know him better through his involvement with the Southeastern Art Museum Directors group, where his insight, collegiality, and wonderful wit enriched every conversation.*

*He cared deeply about museums and about the people who lead and sustain them. His presence strengthened our Southeastern museum community in so many lasting ways.*

*I am grateful for the time and conversations we shared and always smile when I think about making him laugh. It was infectious. He will be greatly missed.*



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**Zinnia Willits** - February 19 at 01:26 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Robin G Nicholson.*



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February 19 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robin G Nicholson.

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February 19 at 01:01 PM



“ *Robin and I founded Art Museum Strategies in May of 2021, two former art museum directors who felt that we still had a lot to contribute to the health and prosperity of art museums. We shared the core belief that art had the power to change lives. On our first business trip to Honolulu I asked Robin to take this picture for me because I knew he had the magical eye of an artist and could capture the spirit of this beautiful scene. I admired Robin tremendously. He was a great friend and I will miss him terribly.*

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**terrie** - February 19 at 12:26 PM



*He loved doing that. And going to Hawaii wasn't bad either!*

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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 19 at 05:30 PM



*We had some memorable meals. I particularly enjoyed watching Robin try Uni at a sushi restaurant and doing his best not to gag. I had to laugh.*

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**terrie** - February 19 at 08:37 PM

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*He used to eat escargot which I hated so I can't believe he didn't like the uni!*

Dianne Nicholson - February 23 at 09:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



terrie - February 19 at 12:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Robin Nicholson Tribute Wall



terrie - February 19 at 12:09 PM

BH

“ I am sorry I never got to meet Robin in person. I love you Dianne and am so very sorry for this heartbreaking loss. I am always here for you no matter what. ❤️ Rest into eternity Robin until you and Dianne meet again on the sandy shores of paradise.



Bridgette S Hudyk - February 19 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Dianne Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Robin G Nicholson*



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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 19 at 12:07 PM

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*You were loved by so many, and so much, and by no one more than me. 💔*

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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 19 at 05:31 PM

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“ *Robin I miss you so much, as does Hamish. We love you SO much. You had so many people who loved you. I'm taking care of everything so please rest easy. I adore you always. 💔*

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**Dianne Nicholson** - February 19 at 11:25 AM