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SASHA MANEVSKI, AGED 50, PASSES AWAY



On 07 February 2024, following a brief but difficult terminal illness, Sasha Aleksandar Manevski, aged 50 years, lost his struggle for life at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide.

Sasha Manevski was born in Perth, Western Australia on 04 April 1973. In terms of his family origins however, his Macedonian background was from Bitola, Republic of Macedonia, where his parents, Jennie Trampeva-Radin (nee Trampevska), and the late Aleksandar (Aco) Manevski were born. His mother's family indeed have origins from the famous Macedonian revolutionary village of Smilevo, Demir Hisar. Sasha was the first and only child of his parents' marriage.

Sasha was raised in Perth in a happy family and community environment in the 1970s and 1980s and was doted upon also by his grandparents, from the Trampevski and Kovacevski families of Smilevo, who had settled there. He grew up hearing the sounds of traditional Macedonian folk music, and learned to dance in Macedonian community clubs and halls in Perth.

Ultimately Sasha settled in Adelaide, South Australia, in 1987, after his mother Jennie had decided to make a new life there. He also spent some time living in Bitola, enrolling in the "Goce Delchev" primary school, where he learnt to speak, read and write the language fluently. He met and married his former wife Aneli there (in 1993), and they also initially took up residence in Perth, before moving briefly to Melbourne, and then settling in Adelaide permanently in 2004, with their two young sons Aleks (1995) and Filip (1999), in order to reunite with their proud mother Jennie and her husband Michael Radin.



Sasha's relatively short life in Adelaide was a happy one, full of exciting family experiences, and witnessing lots of friendships, as Sasha was a charismatic young person who easily made friends amongst both the Macedonian and broader Australian communities. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his two sons.

Sasha worked happily and productively for many years in transport, holding licences in numerous classes as a heavy vehicle operator. His favourite pastimes included motor vehicles (as a 'Ford man', he established a classic collection of 'muscle cars' with his step-father Michael), following his favourite sports (as a devoted Adelaide Crows supporter and passionate soccer fan), and family and social occasions, such as regular bbq's.

Sasha had a great love for his heritage, and he took great pride in his Macedonian background. As well as speaking the language fluently, he was also consistently aware of matters relating to Macedonian culture, history, current events, the arts and religion. A regular member of the Macedonian Community of Adelaide & SA Inc, particularly in his younger days, he could be found quite regularly participating in events at the Community premises.

Leading up to 50 years of age, this pride in his heritage motivated him to join the Executive Committee of the Macedonian Community at elections in 2022, on a platform of regenerating Macedonian youth within the Community organization. He was a great volunteer on the Executive Committee, ultimately also being appointed as chairperson of the Welfare sub-committee, and also joining the Church committee.

Sadly, his life was cut short at an indecently young age, leaving behind in Adelaide his heartbroken parents Jennie and Michael, and his two sons Aleks and Filip, as well as numerous family members in Perth and Bitola, and firm friends in many other places.

But he made his mark, and will be fondly remembered always. Rest in eternal peace, Sasha Aleksandar Manevski



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