

## Introducing the Sandy Matheson Memorial Ride 26K Ride



The Markdale Hospital Foundation is honoured to welcome the Matheson family as supporters, riders, and volunteers for this year's Grey Highlands Gran Fondo.

In recognition of Alexander "Sandy" James Matheson, the 26K route will officially be named the **Sandy Matheson Memorial Ride**.

The Matheson family's connection to Grey Highlands began in 1972, when Sandy's parents, Martha and Wally Matheson, purchased a farm near Flesherton. What began as weekends away from North Toronto quickly became a lifelong connection to the community, the landscape, and the farm that would remain at the centre of family life for generations.

In 2012, Sandy and his wife, Anne, built their home on the property, creating a place where children and grandchildren would gather and experience the same sense of belonging and joy that Sandy cherished throughout his life.

Following a serious illness in 2023, Sandy received care at both Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and the local care teams supported by Brightshores Health System at Markdale Hospital.

While his treatments often brought him to Toronto, what mattered most to Sandy was always returning home to the farm. With support from local healthcare providers and community care services, he was able to spend his final days surrounded by the land, views, and family he loved most.

The Matheson family's support of the 2026 Grey Highlands Gran Fondo is made in profound gratitude for the compassionate care Sandy received and in recognition of the importance of accessible rural healthcare close to home.

This year, the family will participate as riders, volunteers, and community supporters as part of Matheson Family Riders. **Visit [www.greyhighlandsggranfondo.com](http://www.greyhighlandsggranfondo.com) to support their team.**