



Michael Brian MacDonald

Born: March 15th, 1951

Passed on: September 1st, 2016

From: New Waterford

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of our husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend on September 1, 2016.

Born March 15, 1951, Brian was the son of Viola and the late John Michael MacDonald.

He attended Saint Agnes School and was employed as an electrician with the Cape Breton Development Corp. Upon closure of the coalmine, Brian traveled to Alberta and Newfoundland, until illness forced him to retire. He loved to hunt at his secret spot in Barrachois Mountain. Brian also loved to hunt and fish in Gabarus with Frico, David and Tony Roach. He treasured his friend, Mickie Gillis and so enjoyed their daily visit to Tim Horton's.

Brian is survived by his wife, Jeanette (Nearing); daughter, Raylene, at home; sons, Joey, at home and John Michael, Ont.; grandchildren, Kendra, Ryan and Zacharia; sisters, Ann (Stevie) MacNeil, Ont. and Madeline Gillis, N. B.; stepbrothers and stepsisters, Joanne (George) MacDonald, Glace Bay, David (Sharon) Little and Dwight (Francine) Little, both of Dominion, Cathy Hawley, New Waterford, Scott (Cheryl) Little, Alta. and Karen MacKinnon, New Waterford. He is also survived by Jeanette's parents, Elsie and Raymond Nearing, Scotchtown; several nieces and nephews.

Brian was predeceased by his stepfather, Dave Little; stepsister, Sharon; brother-in-law, Ron Gillis.

Sincere thanks to staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, especially those in the Cancer Care Unit, Palliative Care and also to the VON Nurses. Your kindness went above and beyond.

A celebration of Brian's life will be held at Saint Leonard Church, Mount Carmel Avenue, New Waterford on Monday, September 5, 2016, at 10 a.m., with Father Ray Huntley officiating. Following Mass, interment will take place in Saint Agnes Cemetery. Memorials may be made to charity of your choice. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydneymemorialchapel.ca or e-mail sydneymemorialchapel@ns.sympatico.ca.