

James Stevens

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STEVENS, James New Waterford

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James Stevens, on March 4, 2021, at the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital, surrounded by love. Jamie was born in Stephenville Newfoundland on January 1, 1962, and was raised by his "loving" Grandparents, Anne and Billy Pittman in Glace Bay, N.S. He suffered quite a few hardships during his younger lifetime but found comfort with either a golf club or pool cue in his hand. Nicknamed "Shark" by most anyone who ever played against him in Canada and the U.S., he entered and won many competitions. Things would change for Jamie, when in 1981, while finishing CBRVS and achieving an electrician's trade certificate, he spotted a "darling" little New Waterford girl (his favorite name for her) Jean Gillis, who was also attending CBRVS. He found honesty, trust, and love, all in this little package. They dated, married, and had two beautiful children together, Amanda and Daniel, giving him pride and new purpose. Unfortunately, work took him away from home for long periods of time, missing some of his children's early years, until he decided enough was enough. He made the decision to take what work he could get at home, to be with his family. His brother-in-law Joey, who he thought of like a real brother (his words), helped make this possible. This was a move that proved to give him great happiness, comfort, and love to the very end of his life. Jamie is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Jeannie (Gillis) of 28 years, his daughter, Amanda (Matt Burt) and his son, Daniel at home, a dear cousin who was like a sister to him, Regis, and her husband, Tony English; in-laws, Mary

(Paul Currie), Sandy (Jan)Gillis, Patsy (Eric Sutherland), Laurie Gillis, Duncan (Lynne) Gillis, Josie (Blair Locke), Susie (Paul Hines), Marcie (Joey Williams) and countless nieces and nephews. Jamie was pre-deceased by Anne & Billy Pittman (grandparents), a special Aunt & Uncle Mary & Billy Boone, in-laws, Martha & Alexander Gillis (Jean's Parents), Lydia (Don MacLeod), Bobby Gillis, Jenny (Pat Usher) and Pauline Aucoin. Jamie made lots of great friends over the years, both old and newer, and will be missed. You may be gone but will never be forgotten. Donations in Jamie's name may be made to the Cape Breton Cancer Society Palliative Care, or charity of your choice. Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A private family chapel service will be held at 12 p.m. with Father Peter McLeod officiating. Masks and social distancing are required. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McLellan Brothers Funeral Home, 3183 Plummer Ave, New Waterford, 902-862-7500. To send online condolences, go to: www.mclellanfuneralhome.com