

MACNEIL LAUCHLIN "LAUCHIE" CHARLES

Lauchlin (Lauchie) Charles MacNeil, 73, of Inverness, Cape Breton, passed away peacefully on May 1^s, 2023 in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He was surrounded by his wife, Eileen and children Benjamin and Rebecca.

Lauchie was born in Inverness, the second of five children to the late Charlie MacNeil and Catherine (Kay) (MacIsaac) MacNeil. In 1950, Lauchie moved with his family to New Waterford. After the sudden passing of his father, the family returned in Inverness in 1957.

As a young man, Lauchie worked in hard rock mines in Ontario, then later in coal mines in Cape Breton. In 1992, he studied to become a Certified Construction Electrician, a career that took him to many parts of North America. He was a proud member of the IBEW Local 1852. Lauchie was a dedicated union man and a passionate advocate for causes he strongly believed in.

In his retirement, Lauchie enjoyed traveling and spending time with his 3 precious grandchildren. All that knew Lauchie, knew that he valued his family above all else.

Lauchie was predeceased by his parents, Charlie MacNeil and Catherine (Kay) (MacIsaac)MacNeil; and his brother, Charles.

He is survived by his loving wife, Eileen (MacKinnon) MacNeil; his son, Benjamin (Joyce), Brockville, ON; his daughter Rebecca (Amoa), Calgary, AB; his beloved grandchildren, Tyree, Emery Rose and Henry Lauchlin. He is also survived by his bothers, Daniel (Faye) MacNeil, 30 Island Lake, ON; John Warren MacNeil, Inverness; and sister, Bridget (Brian) Campbell, Kemptville, ON; half-sister, Mechele Oliver; brother-in-law, Russel (Judy) MacKinnon, Sydney; as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Inverness Palliative Care Society or the Canadian Cancer Society. An informal celebration of life will take place at a later date for family and close friends. If you wish to send on line condolences you may do so by visiting: <u>www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com</u>