



## Alton MacLean

September 18, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alton Donald MacLean of Ajax, Ontario on September 18, 2025 at the age of 87. Alton was born on August 25, 1938 at Archibald Settlement, Restigouche County, New Brunswick, the son of Jackson MacLean and Mildred (née Smith).

Alton left home in 1954, at the age of sixteen, and began working in the catalogue department at the T. Eaton Company in Moncton. On September 12, 1961, he married Shirley Curtis at her parents' home at Strathadam, NB. Their first child, James ('Jamie'), was born in Moncton 15 months later. In 1972, Alton was transferred by the Eaton Co. to Toronto ON, and he and Shirley settled in Scarborough, where their daughter Patti was born a year later, and their son Jason in the two years following.

After Alton's employment at Eaton's ended, he then worked as a salesman for Cencal Sales, an advertising specialty company which he later purchased. Alton operated his business until his retirement.

Alton's wife Shirley passed away in 2015. Alton then sold their home and moved to Newmarket; and later lived in Ajax with his son Jason for a few years. In declining health, he then moved to the home of his daughter Patti and her husband Kirt Marshall, where he resided until a few days before his passing in hospital on Sept 18, 2025. Alton passed away peacefully with his

eldest grandson, Tyler, by his side.

Alton was predeceased by his mother Mildred in 1978; his father Jackson in 1985; by his son Jamie in 2011; by his wife Shirley in 2015; and by his younger sister Ruby (Mrs. Ross Cail, Sarnia) in 2021. He was also predeceased by his brothers-in-law Wesley and Jim Curtis, and sisters-in-law Winona Curtis, Sherrille Randall (née Curtis), Margaret Smith (née Curtis), Verna Cronkhite (née Curtis), and Betty Fitzgerald (née Curtis).

Left to mourn his passing are his son Jamie's wife Milena MacLean and their daughter Madison; his son Jason MacLean and his children, Caitlyn and Cameron; his daughter Patti and husband Kirt Marshall, and their children, Tyler and Cassandra. He is also survived by his only brother Erle MacLean of Moncton, and by his brothers-in-law Edward Curtis, Arlen Curtis, Frank Fitzgerald and Ross Cail.

Alton was loved and respected for his kindness, integrity and generosity. He will forever be missed.

In honouring Alton's wishes, there will not be a funeral. Your understanding is appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ We shared wonderful fellowship with dear Alton and Shirley for thirty years. They were very dear to all our family. Our hearts are with you at this difficult time.

Richard and Mary Harrison - October 02, 2025 at 09:41 PM

AC

“ Thinking of you all at this time. Patti, Jason, Cassandra, Tyler, Kirt & all the Grandkids. Also forever remembered Dear Shirley, Jamie.

Arlen Curtis - September 27, 2025 at 12:02 AM

IM

“ Our condolences from we Cousins here in Ottawa. Alton would be amongst the few remaining 1st Cousins to my Mother, ( Jean Macdonald ), and I have many memories of he, Erle, Ruby, as well as Jackson & Mildred going back to my childhood. A life well lived and forever fondly remembered.

Ian & Fran Macdonald

Ian Macdonald - September 26, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JL

“ Alton was a very good friend to us and supported us every way he could after our daughter passed away. Our heartfelt condolences to the family. John and Rosalie Low

John & Rosalie Low - September 25, 2025 at 08:36 PM

FF

*Alton was such a great brother-in-law, he stayed with us for a time when they first decided to move to Toronto. We had so many good times camping etc over the years and many laughs. He will be dearly missed! RIP Alton!*

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**Frank Fitzgerald.** - September 26, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PR

*We met Alton & Shirley in 1980 when we moved to Guildwood Village (Scarborough). We had the privilege of their friendship for many years.*

*Alton was welcoming, kind, thoughtful and generous --clearly one of those people that "stoops to help a friend in need".*

*It was inspiring to see the love & care Alton had towards his family & to know it was returned in kind.*

*Our sincere sympathy goes out to Alton's family.  
Bill & Peggy Ridding*

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**Peggy Ridding** - September 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM

AC

*Alton was such a great family man and friend. You will be remembered and greatly missed!*

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**Arlen Curtis** - September 26, 2025 at 11:48 PM

SE

*Alton was our next door neighbour when growing up.*

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**SHIRLEY ESLIGER** - September 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TS

*Our condolences to Alton's family.  
We shared in friendship with Alton & Shirley at the Five year milestone birthday dinners at the Marshall home in Oakville. A lovely quiet and kind man !*

*Ted & Dot Seymour*

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**Ted & Dot Seymour** - October 03, 2025 at 11:41 AM