



Corliss Hector MacLeod

November 15, 2024

Corliss Hector MacLeod, age 86 of Donkin, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully in the early morning of November 15th, 2024, at home with his loving wife, Dorothy at Park Place Manor in Aurora, Ontario. Corliss was born April 30th, 1938 in Donkin, son of the late Angus and Laula (Florence) MacLeod.

Corliss had a love for travel and was able to enjoy his passion as a member of the Royal Canadian Navy from 1955 to 1960 as a ship's electrician aboard the historic 'HMCS Haida'. He was then blessed to meet and marry the love of his life, Dorothy Mae Ransome on November 10th, 1960. Corliss was introduced to Dorothy by his cousin Gordon MacLeod and from the moment they met, ...their love story began. Soon after they were married & while expecting their first of 3 children, Corliss travelled to Toronto to find work to support his beautiful wife and new family. Although he resided in Ontario for the remainder of his life, Cape Breton was always his home. Corliss was able to share his passion for travel with Dorothy during their 64 years of marriage with several cruises to the Caribbean & the Mediterranean as well as trips to Mexico, South America, California, Vancouver, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland where they created so many more wonderful memories.

In addition to being a wonderful husband, Corliss was a devoted loving father and will be dearly missed by his three children and their spouse's, Kathy

(Dave), Shane (Moira) and Heather (Don). As children, we will forever remember fondly our many weekend skating trips in the winter, swimming near the Bluffs in the summer-time along with so many family vacations to Nova Scotia.

Survivors include his 9 grandchildren: Cory, Sean, Nicole (Anton), Kristina (Eric), Julia (Victor), Tyler (Sarah), Andrew, Mitchell (Nicole), Brendon (Karleigh) and his 8 great-grandchildren: Sara, Mackenzie, Annabelle, Alexa, Julian, Leonardo, Fionn and Isabel. The smile on his face during visits with his great-grandchildren would warm anyone's heart.

Corliss was also predeceased by his 3 younger brothers, Dordie (George), Gary and Kenny. He leaves behind his beloved God-Daughter/Sister, Rosemary Howie (David) who he adored.

He was also survived by many wonderful cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He especially appreciated his daily phone conversations with his lifelong friend, Roger Howie. We're certain they indeed were the ones who wrote most scripts for their 'fav' TV show, 'Coronation Street'. We can't go further without thanking his long time friends from the Aurora Leisure Complex for their never-ending love and support through the years!

Although some saw Corliss as a quiet man, he loved being in the presence of all those he loved. In addition, he also enjoyed cooking for the people he loved & those who loved him, spending many hours creating memorable meals for all to enjoy. Unknown to many, Corliss also had a passion for solving crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy, Family Feud and various other game shows and took great pride in knowing the correct answers first.

A big thank you to the entire staff of Park Place Manor for helping make our Father's final days comfortable and peaceful, along with our appreciation for

the continued tenderness & support for our Mother, Dorothy. Also, a thank you to Dr. Amin, Nurse Roya and the Palliative Care team for their endless care.

Go in Peace Dad, ...one day we will meet again. As Frank Sinatra sang, 'I did it my way', Dad, you definitely lived and loved life 'your way'.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I was trying to find the right words to say how I feel, sometimes there are no word, only thoughts from the heart. Corliss was a special man, and I always loved talking to him, I will miss him. sincere Condolences to his wife and Family. sending my love to everyone. Keith & Roberta xo xo

Roberta McDonnell..cousin - November 25, 2024 at 02:26 PM

RH

“ How saddened we were to hear of Corliss’s passing. He was a lifelong friend to Roger. Although I knew him for a much shorter time I loved his down home stories, enjoyed many delicious meals he prepared and our daily chats on the phone. Roger and Corliss relived so many memories from their early years. What a pleasure it was to see how these memories kept them chatting: from hearing how they each predicted upcoming Coronation Street storylines to Nova Scotia weather to US politics. Both of us will miss those moments.

Dorothy, our condolences to you. Losing your husband of 64 years can be extremely difficult because you are losing a source of strength, stability and consistency in your life. Remembering the special moments you shared will hopefully bring you peace and comfort.

Heather, Shane and Cathy: Our condolences to you and your families. May you find comfort in remembering all the guidance, strength and love with which your Dad touched your lives. Those precious gifts will always live on in you.

Life doesn’t seem fair sometimes and this is one of those moments. We will miss our friend.

*May you rest in peace Corliss
Roger and Bonnie*

Roger Howie - November 24, 2024 at 02:57 PM

PR

“ Dear Dorothy and Family condolences to you all. I had the pleasure of getting to know Corliss through Billy he was a lovely man love Billy, Paula and Hayley. Rest In Peace Corliss

Paula Ransome - November 24, 2024 at 03:17 AM

BR

“ Dearest Aunt Dorothy and family – I was deeply saddened with the news of Uncle Corliss’ passing. I am sending my deepest condolences along with much love and warm thoughts to the whole family.

Growing up on Cape Breton Island, I did not get to see Uncle Corliss that often; but, I was always immensely excited to learn when he (& Aunt Dorothy) were coming for a visit. Easily one of my favorite relatives, Corliss always had such a loving and positive energy that surrounded him that spilled over to everyone in his presence. He was always supportive and encouraged my lofty ambitions growing-up which is so powerful in the development of a young mind. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Rest easy Uncle Corliss - Much love to the whole family.

Barrie Ransome - November 23, 2024 at 11:11 AM

FK

“ Rest in peace Corliss.
Condolences Macleod family.
Many fond memories knowing Corliss growing up as a youth with the Macleods.

Frank Kocsis - November 22, 2024 at 08:29 PM

RH

“ Dear Dorothy, Kathy, Shane, Heather and families:

I don't need to tell you how sorry we are at the loss of Corliss. He will be missed forever and a day. Our sincerest sympathy and prayers go out to each and everyone of you. The world was a better place with Corliss in it! Our memories of him will keep us strong and some day the tears will turn to laughter as we remember him. May he rest in peace. Love to you all. David and Rosemary xoxoxoxo



Rosemary Howie - November 21, 2024 at 10:38 AM

MH

As a young man he stood out and I have many happy memories of him as a young boy/man. Rest in peace, Corliss.

Mary (MacDougall) Hilchie - November 21, 2024 at 05:26 PM

ER

So sorry for the families loss.

Elizabeth Ransome - November 23, 2024 at 01:40 PM

RH

“ Rosemary Howie lit a candle in memory of Corliss MacLeod



Rosemary Howie - November 21, 2024 at 10:35 AM

LC

“ Dear Heather and family,

*Even though I never knew your father, the obituary is beautiful and it is evident that his life was well lived! The eventual celebration of life will be just that, filled with joyful memories. He will always be missed and never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! -
Love, Leslie Clendenning*

Leslie Clendenning - November 21, 2024 at 08:58 AM

SB

“ Sabahat Baig lit a candle in memory of
Corliss MacLeod



Sabahat Baig - November 21, 2024 at 07:29 AM

MD

“ Our condolences to Dorothy, Heather, Don, Mitchell, Brendan and the rest of the family, May your fond memories of him comfort you at this time.
Big hugs from Marie, Paul and family.

Marie Debono - November 20, 2024 at 08:05 PM

BT

“ RIP Mr..MacLeod I have many fond memories of spending time with Heather at your house. You always had a smile and giggle. I remember going downtown with Heather to visit you at the Lighting Store. You are a part of my growing up. You raised a beautiful family. You will be missed by so many

Brenda Tomasso - November 20, 2024 at 06:38 PM