



John William MacKinnon

April 3, 2023

John William (William) MacKinnon
September 7, 1946 – April 3, 2023

John William MacKinnon passed away peacefully at Tri-EW Bickle Center for Complex Continuing Care, Toronto, Ontario; formerly of Queensville, Cape Breton.

He was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia to the late Allen Charles and Christie MacKinnon.

He was a member of the International Operating Engineers as a heavy equipment operator. William began working at a young age and had his first truck, a 1961 Mercury, single axle dump truck. In his early career, he worked in Ontario trucking. He worked at the smelter in Sudbury, Ontario before returning to Cape Breton to start his family. He had worked on many construction jobs and one he was quite proud of was the work he did when Nova Scotia Power expanded the substation in Port Hastings, Nova Scotia. He facilitated a heavy equipment operator training program in the 70's in the local area. He was mechanically inclined, and he said that he loved to play in the mud with any big machine. He enjoyed skidooing and fixing old cars.

William is survived by his daughter, Sylvia (MacKinnon) Phee (John), their children, Chantal and Jordan. His brother, Perley MacKinnon, Sister-in-laws,

Julia MacKinnon and Pauline MacKinnon; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. And a longtime friend that helped him during his illness, Elaine MacDonald.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, William Bradley MacKinnon, brothers, Walter, Murdo, and Seward. His sister, Mary Jess MacDonald. Brother-in-law, Edward MacDonald, sister-in-law, Marie MacKinnon. Nephew, Perley MacKinnon Jr. And Niece, Allena MacDonald.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and continuing care staff at Tri-EW Bickle Center for Continuing Care for their care and support. Cremation has taken place. There will be a service held later and burial in St. Davids Cemetery. Donations can be made to a Charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *When I first started operating heavy equipment I worked a number of year with William.He was one of the best operators I worked with and I learned a lot from.He was a good friend. My condolences to the family.RIP my friend.*

Dan Mac Intosh - April 06, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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Sending my prayers and condolences to the family

julia Mac lean - April 07, 2023 at 10:21 PM

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Willie came with me to Nashville once, really enjoyed the trip. RIP William and condolences to the Family 🙏

Harold Macintyre - April 08, 2023 at 07:55 AM