



Michael Paul Aylward

November 17, 2024

Michael Paul Aylward, 59, formerly of Alberton, PEI, passed away suddenly in his home in Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, Nov 17, 2024.

Michael was predeceased by his father, Fred Aylward, his loving mother Dorothy (nee McKenna) Aylward, and his brother-in-law, Dwayne Ellsworth. He is survived by his little sister, Cathy Aylward, nephews Zach (Hadeel Haddad) and Eli (Destinie Graham) MacCarthy, great nephew Kai, and many, many friends and family.

Mike was born in Arcadia, California on Oct 25, 1965 to Fred and Dorothy Aylward. He graduated Westisle Composite High School before attending the University of New Brunswick for Forest Engineering. Soon after, he left PEI for Toronto to work as a land surveyor. Michael moved to Alberta in 1994 for a year to successfully train as an oilfield technician before wisely deciding it was not for him. So, he moved to Fort McMurray to be with friends and continue his surveying work. In 1995, he moved back to Toronto to start a career as a support worker in a group home, where he stayed for the past 29 years.

While in Toronto, Mike became passionate about photography, exploring relationships with self and others through the lens of his Canon; his loss is felt deeply and broadly by his artistic community.

Each year, Mike came back to PEI to visit the people he loved. He had a brilliant sense of humour and self-deprecating nature, always laughing at himself first. He excelled at kindness and generosity, and had a keen sense of what could make the world a better place. Mike was a gentle soul, with a huge heart , and quick to lend a hand or help another. He was the best big brother / uncle / cousin / friend you could ask for. He was Cathy's best friend and hero.

A celebration of life for Mike will be held on PEI with a date and location to be announced.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Mike was always such a light at work. Although I didn't work with him long, he was always so kind and supportive, and his presence is missed by all who got to know him. My heartfelt condolences to his family & loved ones.



Kushia W - December 20, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MB

“ Mike was one of the most awesome guys I have ever had the pleasure to be friends with, his stories were timeless and he always had a smile on his face. He most definitely made an impact on everyone he met and was always someone you could depend on. He's missed greatly. Cheers to you buddy.

Michael Burns - December 19, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MC

Mike was one of the few genuine and honest people that I have met. He was the true definition of a team player; very supportive and reliable. He was never in a hurry to head out after his shifts and we would spend hours talking mostly about American politics. His absence has been immensely felt. May his beautiful soul rest in peace.

Maulina Compton - December 19, 2024 at 08:18 PM

AD

Only yesterday I've learned that I've lost forever a friend and fellow photographer. He was kind, caring and always willing to share and connect with people...and to connect people. He was gregarious, and one who made photoshoots more than a shooting opportunity. To him it was another chance to build a relationship, a bridge and a conduit for learning and sharing. And after the shoot, it was the order of the day... to break bread together, eat a good meal, try a new restaurant, and shoot the breeze... with the model. He was truly... one of a kind. I miss you buddy!!!

Adrian - May 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM