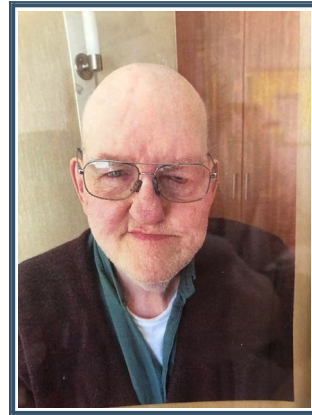


## *IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

*RAYMOND*

*MACDONALD*



MacDonald, Raymond (John A John Mary) – The family wishes to announce the very peaceful passing of Raymond on Sunday, January 4th, 2026. Raymond was born September 9th, 1953, the youngest of sixteen children and lived his life between Colindale and Port Hood. He was predeceased by his parents John A and Catherine; brothers John, Ronald, Donald, Lawrence and Joe; sisters Christena, Isabel; one sister and three brothers (Joe, Gerard and Basil) in infancy. He is survived by his sisters Margaret (Detroit, MI), Anna (Baddeck, NS), Alexina (Calgary, AL) and Elizabeth (Michael) Pilling (Grand Cayman), He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Raymond was employed over the years as a fisherman's helper, brick layer's helper and maintenance man. He loved his fast cars and motorcycles. His special love was Scottish music, and he would dance a step whenever he could. In his later years he would sit by the ocean and reminisce about his days on the sea fishing and cruising. He especially loved his crib marathons with his buddy Jack.

The last 16 months of Raymonds life was spent between Inverness Consolidated Hospital, Hillcrest Nursing Home (Antigonish) and most recently the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. He was affectionately known as "The Candy Man" because every staff member, resident and visitor had to receive a daily treat. Raymond was a very kind, generous and spiritual man. He always assisted the other residents to make sure they did not miss church service, bingo or the Ceilidh. If there was no one to dance with, he just danced by himself! No matter how he was really feeling when you asked him, he would always answer "In the Pink". He attended both St Peter's and St Joseph's Parishes. He was also a simple man and requested no flowers or crying!

Our deepest gratitude to all who made Raymonds last days loving and gentle. He will be greatly missed. St Peters Church will be open at 10:00 if you wish to come early to pay your respects. The funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am at St Peter's Catholic Church with Fathers Sebastien and Morris officiating. The service will be live streamed. Burial will be held in the summer of 2026. A reception will be held at the Parish Hall after the funeral.