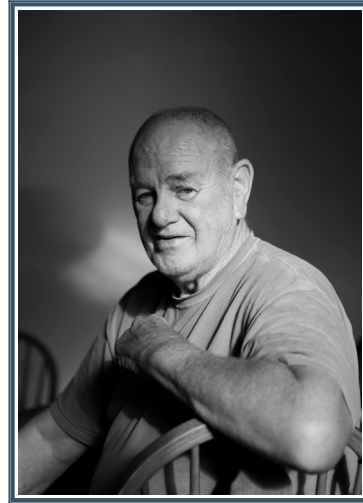


IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*WINSTON
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1941-2026



With extremely heavy hearts, the family of Winston Beaton announces his death on August 14, 2026, at Inverary Manor in Inverness, Nova Scotia.

Winston Gerald Beaton was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, on March 29, 1941, to Angus and Catherine Beaton. He was the third youngest of eleven siblings. The family later relocated to Scotchtown in 1944.

Anyone who knew Winston loved him. Often called a “gentle giant,” he was always happy to lend a hand; he was a devoted caregiver and a sweet, sensitive soul. A hard worker, Winston was skilled in many trades: carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and welding among them. He loved the outdoors: fishing, hunting, and riding his quad. Relatives and friends across Canada and the United States remember his adventurous road trips, late-night card games (with a few rums mixed in), and his long-held informal title of “Dart Champ of Ontario.” He remained a sharp cribbage player until his last days, often giving his grandchildren a run for their money.

Winston met Anne Marie Desveaux in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, in the 1960s. She flagged him down hoping for a ride share to Ontario when she saw the Ontario plates on his car. That was the start of something beautiful. They later married on April 8, 1967, in Edmonton, Alberta. Together they lived and worked in many parts of Canada, including Hamilton, Ontario, and Uranium City, Saskatchewan, before settling and starting a family in Scotchtown, Nova Scotia, and later in Grande Cache and finally in Hinton, Alberta. They traveled widely across Canada and the United States and shared many laughs and much love. They remained inseparable until Anne Marie’s passing on February 22, 1988.

After his retirement, Winston returned to Inverness, where he found a second chance at love with Jean MacLean in 2004. Together they traveled extensively to visit family

and friends, ran the trails together, and lovingly supported one another through their later years. They celebrated their union with a commitment ceremony on June 28, 2025, and the family affectionately regarded Jean as his wife.

Winston is dearly missed by his sister Rhonda Moran; his son Chris (Nicole) Tew; his daughter Leanne Bloomfield; his step-daughter Debbie (Clint) MacPherson; his sister-in-law Elaine Arseneau; grandchildren Ben, Caitlin, Victoria, Drew, Lyndsay, Jarod, Owen, and Keigan; and by many nieces and nephews, many of whom considered him their favourite uncle.

He was predeceased by his wife Anne Marie (Desveaux) Beaton on February 22, 1988; by his partner, Jean (MacLean) Beaton, on November 2, 2025; by step-daughter Lynda O'Quinn; by brother-in-law Vince Desveaux; and by siblings Mary Isabella, Dorothy, John, Mary, Bill, Jimmy, Donnie, Archie, and Josie.

A cremation has taken place and a burial will be held at Mount Carmel Cemetery in New Waterford, Nova Scotia in the summer of 2027.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of the following charities in Winston's memory: Kidney Foundation of Canada or the MS Society of Canada.
