IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOANNE ELIZABETH (BEATON) SCHMIDT



With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Joanne Elizabeth (Beaton) Schmidt of Port Hood at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on Friday, November 6th, 2026, at the age of 62. Joanne, the eldest of seven children of Angus John (AJ) Beaton and Annie (van Zutphen) Beaton, learned the value of hard work and dedication early on. She grew up on the family farm and later earned her Bachelor of Science with Honours in Animal Sciences from Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro.

Joanne loved to travel, and her work took her across Canada and the United States. She worked on farms and as a college instructor. While living in Ontario, she met the love of her life, Ron. Together, they moved to Port Hood, where they raised a family and launched a wonderful business, Galloping Cows Fine Foods, now celebrating its 32nd year. Joanne took great pride in the many accolades and awards she and Ron received over the years. Their products even appeared in swag bags at prestigious events, including the Oscars in Hollywood.

Those lucky enough to know Joanne admired her determination and knew she always faced challenges with courage. Even while dealing with serious health challenges, she remained a steady source of strength and support for her family, friends, and community.

Joanne will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 32 years, Ron, and her children, Courtney (Nitesh) of Truro, and Frank (Monica) of Port Hood. She is also survived by her parents, AJ and Annie; siblings John (Alexandra), Clifford (Diogo), Darlene (Bruce), Bruce, Karen (Chris), and Leon (Eleanor); grandchildren Gabriella and Neal; and lifelong best friend, Joyce. Joanne also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the nurses, doctors, therapists, technicians, and all the health care professionals who cared for and supported Joanne. While we can’t name everyone, please know that you will all remain in our hearts forever. Your compassion and support meant so much to us.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation will take place on Friday, November 27th, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Port Hood, on Saturday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the Parish Cemetery. A reception will follow in St. Peter’s Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joanne may be made to the Central Inverness County Palliative Care Society