



MacKenzie, John Archie; Belle Cote

At the age of 82; John Archie passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2017, with his family at his side. He was born Sept 12, 1934 in Piper's Glen to parents Hugh and Flora (MacDonnell); the second youngest of thirteen children. He is survived by one sibling, Annie Jane Gillis. John Archie graduated from St. FX University and Nova Scotia Teachers College and taught for 26 years. He had the privilege of representing Inverness County (Inverness North) as their member of the Legislative Assembly from 1970 to 1984. He worked tirelessly to represent his constituents. John Archie served as President of the North Inverness Local of the Teacher's Union, served on the Board of Directors for Margaree Co-op, Margaree Credit Union, Sacred Heart Hospital, Cheticamp Arena, Central Inverness Palliative Care and Cancer Care Nova Scotia. John Archie was an active Palliative Care Volunteer and was always available when someone was needed to sit with a patient and he spent countless hours doing so. He was a past member of the Margaree Volunteer Fire Department and was 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. In his retirement he was happy to spend more time with his grandchildren, enjoyed visiting people and spent much time visiting patients at Inverness and Cheticamp hospitals and nursing homes. Besides visiting people in their homes, he enjoyed visitors coming to his home. John Archie "never" refused a good cup of tea. He enjoyed telling stories and welcomed the opportunity to speak Gaelic. He was a man of deep faith and spent most of his life serving others. He is survived by his loving wife, of 54 years, Dorothy (LeBlanc); children Gerard (Joan), Colleen, Charlotte (Morley), Glenn, Monica (Michael); he will be missed by his grandchildren Stefanie, Lian, Breagh, Alix, Matthew, Adam, Jon and Leif. We, the family, wish to thank Dr. Susan Freter and nursing staff at the Memory Clinic for their support during Dad's journey with Alzheimer's. We would also like to thank, his family physician, Dr LeFrance for her thorough and compassionate care over the years and the staff at ICMH for their care. A special thank you to Lori Ann MacDonald and the entire Palliative Care Team, their support to the family and Dad helped ensure a peaceful end to his journey. Visitation will be at Belle Cote Community Hall, Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 7 – 9 and Friday the 21st from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be 11a.m., July 22nd at St Michael's Catholic Church, East Margaree with burial to follow in Church Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Memorial donations in memory of John Archie may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care, NS Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice. Online condolences at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com

