

Burke, James Melvin--Port Hood



James Melvin Burke, 65, died peacefully on May 20th, 2018 in Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, with his family by his side. Born in Inverness on May 17, 1953, he was the son of the late James and Mary (Bickerton) Burke, Port Hood. He worked in Fort McMurray, a member of Local 92 in good standing since 2003. Jimmy became a friend to everyone he met and loved to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He fought his battle with cancer bravely, with a positive attitude and no complaints. He loved his family and his extended family dearly. He is survived by his dear friend, Jean Dunford, Inverness; his children, Angela Dolomont (Dave), Harrison, BC; Stephen Burke (Sarah), Fort McMurray, Alberta; Crystal Burke, Port Hood; his grandchildren, Danika and Emmett; siblings, Diana Drake (Geoff), Sackville; Angela McBurney (Jake), Burnaby, BC; Judy

MacEachen (Donald), Long Point, NS and many nieces and nephews. He will also be fondly remembered by Angie and Corey Pallson and their children, Taylor, Olivia, Annika and Ryan who affectionately thought of him as a father and grandfather. Besides his parents, Jimmy was predeceased by his grandson, Mitchell, his sisters, Florence, Margaret, Joan and his brother Buddy. Visitation will be held at Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Thursday, May 24th from 2 – 4 and 7 – 9 pm. Funeral Service will be held at 11 am, Friday, May 25th, at St. Peter's Church, Port Hood with Father Vincent VanZutphen officiating. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Jimmy may be made to Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton or St. Peter's Parish Cemetery Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences at: www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com/margareevalley