



MURPHY, Thomas Joseph

78, North East Margaree

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother Thomas Joseph Murphy, North East Margaree

Thomas passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital.

Tommy was born July 12, 1940, in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He was the oldest child to adoptive parents, the late John I. and Rebecca (McDaniel) Murphy. Even as a young boy, he could always be found on anything with an engine and wheels. From a tractor on the farm, to trucks, loaders, skidders, backhoes, buses and he even drove the Deepdale stockcar circuit, in his early years driving #99 "Poor Me". However, his life's passion, besides his family was eighteen wheelers. He especially, had a "soft spot" for children and they would run to wait for his truck to "toot" as he passed by. He was father to not only his own six boys, but the community of Margaree, as he filled his van with the entire hockey team and more, to organize the Margaree Minor Hockey Association. Not only were his vehicles filled with extra kids, but also his home. They were all like his own. He worked as a Fisheries Officer for the Department of Fisheries for 24 years. His love of people, the Margarees and the Margaree River, always shone through his personality and presence with people. He loved everyone and always had a smile and a helping hand for his family, friends, neighbors, church, community and everyone he came in contact with. He retired back to trucking, for many years and is renowned to many, for his countless miles, dedication and passion. Through the years, Tommy was well known, far and wide, for "prompting" the Square Dances at the hall and when he wasn't prompting, he and Jessie were leading the way, with their round dancing. On his "rare" off time, he enjoyed watching NASCAR and boxing, and many "rocking sessions" with a grandchild on his lap.

He will be lovingly, remembered by his wife of 59 years, Jessie Anne (Phillips) "Jay" and sons: Isadore (Denise), East Margaree; Bruce (Willena), South West Margaree; Tommy (Colette), Fordview; Leland (Marilyn), Margaree Valley and Barry (Wendy), New Glasgow. Grandchildren: Jamie, Melanie, Patrick, Bryson, Broderick, Stacey, Ashley, Lena, Leland, Jesse and Clayton and Great Grandchildren: Jaielyne and Bryan. Also, his adopted sister, Beverly (Gordon) Timmons, North East Margaree, who he was always close to, his mother-in-law Allena Phillips, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, family, friends, fellow truckers and many work associates.

Tommy was pre-deceased by his parents John I. and Rebecca, and son, Franklin Douglas (Dougie) and father-in-law, John Joe Phillips.

Visitation for Tommy will be held Thursday, May 16th at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, North East Margaree from 2 – 4 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m. The funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church, North East Margaree, on Friday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m., with Fr. MacDonald Ibeh officiating. Interment will take place at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Reception to follow at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, St. Patrick's Cemetery, or your charity of choice. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of, Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences to: www.sunsetfuneralco.op.com