



**BURTON, Earl Joseph**

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Born February 23, 1947 to the late Charlie and Kay Burton. Earl will always be lovingly known as a kind and gentle soul who was remembered by all who knew him, whether it was for 30 years or 30 minutes. Despite contracting polio at the age of 6, his determination to overcome the odds and experience life to the fullest was immediately evident. Never left behind, his siblings ensured that Earl was always part of their adventures - even if they had to carry him. From being goalie on the ice pond, to driving the hay truck in the fields, even moving to Toronto with Lauchie and Martha.

Earl took pride in everything he did; be it working as the first male operator for Bell for 20 years; woodworking making sleighs with John, doorharps and owning E.B. All Wood; his dedication while working and volunteering with the Canadian Paraplegic Association (NS); and most recently a friendly smile greeting people at Wal-Mart. He would challenge anyone to a game of checkers or a good old arm wrestle, but the jewel in his crown was always his daughters and grandkids.

If you ever needed a ride...you called Earl. He was Margaree's own self-run, free taxi service. He was a huge HABS fan who loved a good laugh, hanging out with the "cabin crew", whistling a tune, or just simply enjoying 10am tea with the family. Since

marrying Wanda they shared a love for travel, jet setting and cruising to various destinations.

With a deep rooted Christian faith, Earl suddenly went home to be with the Lord on July 5. Predeceased by his loving parents, Charles and Kathryn (Ross) Burton; his brother Wesley (Gloria); nephew Michael, and his granddaughter Vanessa, he leaves a legacy of love through his brothers, Lauchie (Cindy), John (Brenda), Bruce (Arlene), Conrad (Karen) and sister Martha (Elmer), many nieces and nephews, his wife, Wanda (Feltmate); his daughters Corinna (Derek), Robyn Blaquièrre, Jennifer (Joe), Amanda (Stephen) and Melanie (Shane) as well as his grandchildren, Rachel, Jessica, Tyler, Douglas, Emily, Aubrey, Gregory, Olivia and Charles.

Under the care of Sunset Funeral Cooperative, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations in Earl's memory may be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association of NS.

Given current restrictions to maintain physical distancing, an outdoor funeral service will be held Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at 5533 Cabot Trail Road, NE Margaree and a video streaming link will be available. In keeping with Earl's tradition, please bring your own chair for seating. Masks are recommended. Online Condolences: [www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com)