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Finlay Gerard Rankin ~~ Scotsville

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden loss of a husband, a father and a papa on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Finlay died doing what he loved. He was born on February, 11, 1952, one of eleven children to the late John Alex & Mary (Parker) Rankin.

Finlay is survived by his loving wife, of 45 years Sadie (Poirier), sons Perry (Joanne), Antigonish; Curtis (Marion), Scotsville; grandchildren, Finlay and Ronald; siblings Elaine (Gerry), Sackville; Sandy (Heather), Mabou; Cecilia (Ed), Sackville; Cathy, Port Hawkesbury; Annette, Halifax; John Francis (Brenda), Mabou; Elizabeth (Lauchie), Troy. And many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Finlay grew up on the family farm in Rankinville, Mabou, where he and his siblings helped out on the farm and got the incredible work ethic he had throughout his life. He then pursued a career in the underground mines in Sudbury, Ontario. Mining wasn't his calling so he moved home to Cape Breton, where he found the love of his life Sadie, they moved to Scotville where they raised their family. He then worked for local forestry contractors, where he made many hard-working friends like himself with lots of great stories that he cherished and shared in his many shop talks.

With such a passionate love for the forest and a woodsman at heart, he started his own forestry company FPC Contracting Ltd. For just over ten years. Finlay was a hard man to walk away from once he got talking! He loved his family, friends, grandchildren, pets, ATV rides, coffee and shop talks! If he wasn't at home splitting wood in the woodpile, he was out lending a helping hand to others.

Finlay was predeceased by his parents, Mary & John Alex Rankin; brothers, Allan and Willy; sisters, Mary Margrett and a sister in infancy; granddaughter Ella Rose; in-laws, Willy and Catherine Poirier, and extended family member, Malcolm MacKay. Due to Covid-19 funeral arrangements are incomplete. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com