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North East Margaree

The death of Ernest Joseph Stepanink occurred at Scared Heart Community Health Centre in Cheticamp, NS on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

Ernest was the eldest of four siblings born to the late Edward Stepaniak and Mary Joseph (Muir) Stepaniak.

Ernie's wife, Mary Hamilton (Mancini) Stepaniak predeceased him in 2016. He is survived by sons Joseph (Melissa), Cole Harbour, Mark (Angela), Margaree Valley, Andrew (Elizabeth), Bedford, Daughter Maria (Ron) Robinson, Fall River and Daughter, Victoria Anne (Vicki) who predeceased him in 2017. He is also survived by a brother Blair, New Waterford and a sister Betty MacLean of New Waterford.

There was a very special place in his heart for his grandchildren – Jacob, Luke, Autumn, Mia, Isaac, Emma and Alexander Nicolas. Nor can we forget his many treasured friends, always held securely in his compassionate heart.

Ernie was born in New Waterford and was a graduate Saint Agnes High. He then pursued a Bachelor of Arts Degree at St Francis Xavier University and taught for one year at Baddeck Rural High School before returning to St. FX for a degree in Education; since he knew that teaching was his heart's desire. For three years he taught in Goose Bay Labrador and then in Guysborough and Thunder Bay, ON before returning to Nova Scotia to teach with his devoted wife, Mary Hamilton at Margaree Forks District High School. Desiring further education, Ernie proceeded to obtain a Masters Degree in English and studied in Administration. He was the first Supervisor of Curriculum in Inverness County and remained in that position for four years but his heart was back in the classroom so he returned to teach at Margaree Forks for the balance of his career. He received the Curriculum Reward for valuable contributions to teaching and Curriculum Development from the University College of Cape Breton.

Ernie was lovingly involved in the Movement for Canadian Catholic Cursillos and travelled throughout Canada with the "Officers Group." His motto was simple, "Always be ready for death and the call to teach".

The greatest gift you can ever give or receive is the gift of love. It is a gift that empowers, endures and humbles all in one.

Memorial donations in memory of the late Ernest Stepaniak may be made to, Palliative Care Services Sacred Heart Community Health Center or charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place. Due to Covid restrictions funeral service will be at a later date.

Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com