

*ESLER*  
*CLIFFORD*  
*MYERS the 3RD*

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Clifford Meyers Esler the 3rd, who left us unexpectedly; yet peacefully, early in the morning on Saturday, November 13. He is survived by sisters, Susan, Marion and Ellen; children, Ames and Emmeline; granddaughters, Tilly and Estelle. Cliff was born on February 24th 1945, in Washington, DC during the second world war. Being from a military family he moved many times during his youth.

Cliff attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester MA and graduated in 1967. The very next year, he came to Canada to avoid taking part in the Vietnam war. He first lived in Toronto, then in 1970-71 he moved to Cherry Hill on the south shore of Nova Scotia. In 1974 he attained Canadian Citizenship and built an octagonal house in Broad Cove, tall enough so that he could climb upstairs to see if the surf was up. This was the first of 3 homes he would build for himself in Nova Scotia, and 9 years ago Cliff moved to Cape Breton where he built his third and final home in Grand Etang; which, he named Thornrose Cottage.

Cliff was always ready to help out with community projects, supporting not only the building of houses; but businesses like the Nova Scotia Sea School, Car Share Atlantic, and developing numerous websites. He was the webmaster for Samadhi Ling, a Buddhist WildernessRetreat outside of Baddeck. Cliff was a father, husband, writer, woodworker/carpenter, surfer, a lifelong sailor, and so much more. His relationship with his dear friend Sybil brought much joy to his last year.

A Buddhist funeral service was held at his home on Monday November 15. It was blowing a gale the whole time except for the end of his service when the winds just stopped for a brief while. He had a wonderful heart and was appreciated by his many friends and family. He was a great community member here in Cape Breton, always helping out people whenever he could. We will miss him terribly but encourage him on his journey.

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