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It is with sadness we, the family announce the peaceful passing of Earl Joseph Timmons, age 77, in the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck on Nov.6, 2021. Earl was born in New Waterford, Cape Breton, Oct. 17, 1944 to the late John Murdock and Mary Adeline (Burke) Timmons. When Earl was 12 years old he and his family moved to Ontario. After he graduated he was employed at Mattel Toys and later at Cooper Weeks. Earl decided he wanted to return to Cape Breton. Earl was a man who met and succeeded in many endeavors, he was a well respected entrepreneur in his business career spanning over 58 years, with his lifelong commitment, energy and service to the Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia as well as being an optimist and forward thinker. After returning to Cape Breton he owned and operated several businesses; Cape Breton Aluminum, Atlantic Publishing and Tartan Cottage Gift and Craft Shop. Earl, along with his partner Gary, published the first official, Cape Breton Travel Guide known as "What's Happening". Earl was instrumental in creating the Campground Owners Association of Nova Scotia (COANS) and for a time was President of the Association earning the respect of government dealing with policy issues affecting the growth of campgrounds. He was instrumental in the 2001 Camping Industry Study; which was heralded around the country as the first in depth review of the potential of the camping sector. He also sat on numerous boards and committees including Baddeck Area Tourism Association (BABTA), The Highland

Credit Union now Known as East Coast Credit Union to name only a few. Earl was also a member and past President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 53.

His real passion came when he, his partner Gary and 3 other investors purchased a dairy farm in 1976 on the famous Cabot Trail. With hard work and great business sense they turned it into a thriving business previously known as Cabot Land now it is a landmark known as "The Red Barn", Gift Shop and Restaurant. Up until his sudden passing he was working tirelessly planning the 2022 season.

Earl was a man of integrity who gave selflessly of himself and never expected anything in return. One of Earl's proudest moments was when he was presented with the 2019 "Alastair and Frances Campbell Tourism Achievement Award."

Earl will be sadly missed by his beloved partner, Gary Roberts of 58 years; brothers, George Bernard, Dartmouth; Les Jude (Evelyn), Halifax; Lance (Danielle), Grand Bay, Westfield, NB. Earl will also be missed by all his staff, many of them having been with him for numerous years. He was a kind, generous and patient man and we learned so much under his mentor ship. He was much more than our employer, he was a friend that touched all our lives and our hearts. Earl, we will miss you.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by sisters Jenevieve and Grace Marie; brothers, John Ernest (Ernie), Michael "Garfield", Raymond Malcolm (Malkie) and Daniel Anthony (Denny).

The family would like to Thank Dr. Genge, the staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital and Continuing Care Nurses for the compassionate and kind care given to Earl.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral Service will be held Nov. 12 at 2 pm in Farquharson Presbyterian Church, Middle River with Deacon Walter Ivany officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Proof of double vaccination and ID must be shown at door and masks must be worn. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Earl may be made to, Canadian Cancer Society, Victoria County Memorial Palliative Care or charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley.

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