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Our father, our friend, our hero. It is with immeasurable sadness and grief that we have to say “Toodle-oo” to a treasured father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather Ronald Abraham Bona, age 83. He passed peacefully on Sunday, January 1st, 2023, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Born at L'ardoise, Richmond County on February 9th, 1939, "Ronnie" was the son of John Patrick Bona and Eva Mae Martell of L'ardoise.

In his younger years, he held a variety of different occupations, from a laborer to working with his brother Wilfred as an auto mechanic. He eventually began working at MacFarland's garage in Baddeck as a mechanic and auto body repairman, honing the craft he would spend the majority of his life at. During this period, he also began driving a school bus, transporting students to Baddeck school. He would eventually leave MacFarland's to take a full time position with the local school board, where when he wasn't transporting students, he spent the rest of his workday repairing, and placing a nice, shiny coat of yellow paint on the buses while maintaining his own body-shop business from home. It was during these years that he forged many bonds of friendship among students, parents and co-workers alike.

Many a funny incident was retold relating to his favorite work buddies Eddie "Papa" Peterson and Aulay MacLean. He retired from the school board in 2003 and began the next chapter of his life: Enjoying his community life and doting on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to mourn his loss are his son, Abraham (Lorraine) Bona; his daughter, Michelle (Stephen) Erickson; his son Marcus (Lori) Bona; "Gumpie" will be forever missed by grandchildren; Tristan, Tyler (Sunnie), Adam (Briana), Elyse (John), Hannah, Nick, Jensen, Ty, Kyle and Landyn; great-grandchildren John, Patrick, Nathan and Willah. Also left to mourn are his siblings; Alice (Carl), Wallace, Ivan and Claire, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also mourning is special friend, Shirley Harker of L'ardoise.

Besides his parents, Ronald was predeceased by his loving wife of over 50 years, Lois, beloved son Wilfred; brothers, Wilfred, Lawrence, Alonzo, Leonard; sisters Dolly, Della, and Doreen; father and mother-in-law, Leo and Mary Burbine; brother-in-law Ralph Burbine and grandson Daniel Wayne Bona (in infancy).

There will be no visitation. A service will be held for Ronald at a later date, followed by a private burial ceremony. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley.

***"Dad, you were the epitome of kindness  
and taught us about love, laughter and life.  
We are heartbroken but at peace knowing  
You, Mom and Will are together again"***

***—Abe, Michelle and Marc***