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April 1, 1958 ~~ January 20, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved dad, brother and uncle, Austin Erland Ross of Margaree Valley at the age of 64. He passed away peacefully on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Sydney at Cape Breton Regional Hospital with family by his side. Austin was born in Inverness on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1958, and was a son of the late Rosie Tompkins and Wilfred Ross. Austin is survived by his daughter Nadia (Turner), (Margaree Valley); his brother Gordon (Port Hawkesbury); and special nieces Romanda (Justin), Tara (John), Crystal (Junior) Courtney, Mysty, and Darlene. He is also survived by many great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by his eldest brother Cecil. At a young age, Austin began his career of working in the woods where he continued to work cutting pulp, spacing, and planting trees until later in his life. He briefly worked at a garage, before going back to working with wood at Larch Wood making cutting boards until he was unable to work anymore and diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Austin was a sports fanatic. He will always be remembered for his love of sports, especially hockey and baseball. Since a young age he was a die-hard Montreal Canadians fan and he remained so until the very end. He enjoyed playing on various hockey and baseball teams throughout his life. He also took on the role of coach for multiple teams in his younger years. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr.

Egar and Dr. Szabo for their care towards dad since his diagnosis. The family would also like to thank the CCA's of homecare for their care and friendship showed towards Austin over the last few months. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital – ICU unit for their care of dad during his time there. Cremation has taken place. A funeral service will be held on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Wilson United Church with Rev. Alicia Cox officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Austin may be made to The Lung Association of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island or to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Cooperative. Online condolences: [www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com)