

IN LOVING MEMORY

EDWARD

"EDDIE"

MACNEIL



MacNeil, Edward (Eddie), 89, passed away Friday, February 16 at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. He was born in Rankinville on January 19, 1935, to the late Danny Sandy and Jessie Agnes (Cameron).

He and his late wife, Catherine Gertrude (Gertie), who passed away in 2009, made West Mabou their home for more than 50 years, raising a large family.

Eddie was a school bus driver, janitor at Mabou Consolidated School and local community halls, and a house painter. A devout Catholic, he was a longtime member of the local Knights of Columbus and the West Mabou Sports Club, where he helped to start the square dances which have become so popular. For years, he and Gertie were a fixture at the dances, working the canteen.

He was all about community, always ready to lend a hand wherever it was needed. His willingness to help others was reciprocated by his many nieces and nephews and friends of all ages, who would often drop by his place at the Mabou Senior Citizens complex for a cup of tea, prayer, or a game (or two) of crib.

The crib board never left the kitchen table, and it was an acceptable reason to delay his kids' bedtime or, in more recent years, spend time with the many people he called friends.

Eddie is survived by his sister, Maude (Omer) Campbell, Port Hood; children Donnie (Sue), Whycomagh, Dave (Kim Rhynold), Dartmouth, Wayne, Halifax, Neila (Bryce Hardage), Modesto, California, Scott (Jennifer), Oakfield, Sue (Georges El-Azzi), Hammonds Plains; 13 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Besides Gertie, he was predeceased by sisters Annie Mae Rankin MacDonald, Peggy Small, Catherine

MacDonald, Rebecca MacNeil, Betty MacDonald and Belle Campbell; brothers Alex, Joe, Neil and Edward; daughters Sissy and Joanne (in infancy); son-in-law Donald; and grandchild Eilidh (in infancy).

The family would like to thank Doctors Ritter and Bennett, and the staff at the hospital, especially the palliative care team.

Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Mabou, on Wednesday, February 21, from 2 to 4 pm and again from 7 to 9 pm. Funeral mass will also be at St. Mary's on Thursday, February 22 at 11 am with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Donations in Eddie's memory may be made to the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Fund.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral, Co-operative.