



Alf Francis Nielsen

October 6, 1942 - March 17, 2023

NIELSEN, Alf Francis, aged 80, of Dartmouth, passed away suddenly in the QEII Hospital on March 17, 2023. Alf was the seventh child born to the late Alf Nordahl and Eleanor Agnes (Penney) Nielsen. Alf's formative years that were spent in Spryfield provided fodder for his colourful storytelling and reminiscences over the years.

Alf is survived by his wife, Jacqueline(nee Oickle) (Dartmouth), sons Alf (Miramichi, N.B.), Bryan (Tamara)(Dartmouth), and his beloved grandson, Chase. He is also survived by siblings Elizabeth McWilliams (Lake Country, B.C.), Earl Nielsen (Brockville, ON), Harry (Gus) Nielsen (Evangelyne) (White Rock, B.C.), Emily St. Pierre (Kanata, ON), and Jack (Saint John, N.B.), sisters-in-law, Patricia Nielsen and Margo O'Neill. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers Bernard and William and by sisters Inga McInnis and Catherine Drysdale.

Alf was in sales in Dartmouth for many years. At one point in his career, he knew so many Dartmouthians that he was dubbed Mr. Mayor. He was a gregarious, outgoing man who enjoyed a good story and a rousing game of crib or euchre.

Alf was always involved in his community. He was a founding member of the Eastern Shore Committee on Drug Dependency and was active for many years with the P.C. Party of Nova Scotia. Prior to his illness, Alf was very active in the many aspects of the religious life of St. Anselm's Catholic Parish in West Chezzetcook. He was a long-time friend of Bill W's.

Alf had a love of photography and of music, especially Ella Fitzgerald. He was devoted to his family, and he will always be remembered for his big heart and the absolute best bear hugs. The passing of our gentle giant has left a void in our lives that will never be filled.

We thank Dr. Mark MacLean and the ER nurses who cared for Alf on his admittance to hospital, and very, very special thanks to the staff of 7.3 South for the wonderful end of life care they provided to Alf and the care and concern they showed toward our family.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Cole Harbour, with Father Gerald David presiding.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia.

Tribute Wall



“ Alf was so gracious and kind to my Mother and me when we came back to Nova Scotia for a visit. I'll always remember his kindness and cheerfulness, even as I had picked up the wrong suitcase for my Mother and Alf drove to make the switch at the airport--Not a grouchy bone in his body. May he rest in eternal peace. Always.
Kathy Lindon Lunman

Kathleen Lunman - April 04, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KA

“ Jackie I am so sorry to hear of Alf passing.. My sister was to tell me and never got to get. I would love to come and see you . Big hug and I hope to see you soon

KathyHope - March 31, 2023 at 03:22 PM

AI

“ Our prayers and condolences goes out from the family and friends of Alf. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless, comfort and be with you all as you remember and celebrate the life of your dear Alf.
Anthony and Theresa Mac Isaac: Christ the King Parish, Dartmouth

Anthony and Theresa Mac Isaac - March 29, 2023 at 04:26 PM

SW

“ Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of Alf's passing. Condolences to you and your family.

Shannon Wark

Shannon Wark - March 28, 2023 at 07:48 PM

DL

“ Dear Jackie, I am saddened to hear of Alf's passing. I remember Alf as a kind and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humour who took a keen interest in the lives of those with whom he engaged.

Dale Lohnes - March 27, 2023 at 05:31 AM

AG

“ Sad to hear of Alf's passing.
Worked in the same company as Alf forty years ago, thought of him from time to time.
Genteel gent, with a twinkle in his eye and a kindly outlook.
Rest Well. Alf Nielsen.

Andrew Gilbert - March 26, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SL

“ Dear Jacqueline: I guess it's been close to 60 years since I first met Alf in Bridgewater, and our paths kept crossing every few years - he never forgot a face! Such a pleasant man, always full of good cheer. Sincere condolences on your loss, my dear. Cherish your memories, hug your sons. Big hugs!
Sheila Livingston

Sheila Livingston - March 26, 2023 at 01:50 PM

WH

“ Jacqueline: Our Sincere Condolences as you grieve the loss of your precious loved one. May memories bring you comfort. God Bless All.

Wayne & Muriel Hiltz - March 25, 2023 at 07:13 AM

WH

“ Jack & Family: Our Sincere Condolences, Tender Thoughts, Love & Prayers as you remember and honour your dear brother, Alf. Wayne & Muriel



Wayne & Muriel Hiltz - March 25, 2023 at 07:03 AM

JD

“ Both Janice and I are very sad to lose a friend of 40 plus years. It seems our lives crossed in so many ways. From our homes in Lake Echo to Chezzetcook and Dartmouth; our involvement in community, church and the political organizations; our children's special events and more. All of those big and small gestures of kindness and thoughtful calls, chats that he took the time for, not just for us but many more in his circle of life will be his legacy. Jackie and boys, we are saddened not to be with you at this time but perhaps we can find a date square to enjoy with a cup of coffee. Love to all. Jim and Janice David

Jim and Janice David - March 24, 2023 at 10:22 PM

MW

“ Jack, so sorry to learn of your brother's passing.

Mike Whynot - March 24, 2023 at 07:05 PM

HO

“ Alf was a man of deep faith and a healthy sense of humour. He knew everyone's birthday date.

Howard Oehmen - March 24, 2023 at 03:30 PM

AT

“ Jackie and family, so sorry to hear of Alf's passing. Worked with him for many years at Sears. He always had a story to tell or a joke to share. Good times. Thinking of you during the sad time. Take care.
Jimmy and Audrey Trider

Audrey Trider - March 23, 2023 at 05:31 PM

DI

“ Jackie and family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at the sad time. Alf was a joyful person whom I was fortunate to know he will be missed by you all. Hold tight to your memories.

Dena Isnor - March 23, 2023 at 03:45 PM

KB

“ Jackie, Sorry to hear of Alf passing. Thankful for the times we spent together.
Love, Sympathy and Prayer.
Keith and Marilyn Baker

Keith Baker - March 23, 2023 at 03:35 PM

JB

“ Jackie, Bryan and Alf Jr, Very sorry to hear of the passing Alf. He was a great friendly man who I will always remember. Robert and Jennifer Williams also send condolences.
Janet Barlow (Williams)

Janet Barlow - March 23, 2023 at 02:58 PM

JH

“ We were very sorry to hear of Alf's passing. - Shirley Hines and family

John Hines - March 23, 2023 at 02:21 PM

AC

“ Dear Jackie and Family.

So sorry to read about Alf.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. 🙏



Anne Campbell

Anne Campbell - March 23, 2023 at 02:08 PM

SC

“ Sorry for your loss. Worked with Alf at Forbes.

Sharon Connors

Sharon connors - March 23, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BS

“ Jackie and family I am saddened to learn of Alf's passing,he was like a gentle giant, always had time to say hi,put a smile on your face and never ever forgot a birthday wish or phone call even long after Sears closed.May your hearts smile and give you comfort as you remember your happy memories that you shared together.

You are in my thoughts and prayers,

Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith - March 23, 2023 at 12:42 PM

DH

“ RIP peace sweet fellow. I worked with you at Sears Penhorn. Shared many jokes (some not permitted on here) and many, many laughs . A great guy. You will be missed. Donna Hayes

Donna Marie Hayes - March 23, 2023 at 10:01 AM

CL

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jackie and family on the loss of Alf - such a wonderful guy with a big heart. Cynthia and Dick Lawlor

Cynthia Lawlor - March 23, 2023 at 09:17 AM

SG

“ Jackie and family, I send my sincere condolences on the passing of a true gentleman whose kindness shone on many people. Always could count on Alf to be helpful when it was needed most. May your memories keep you strong in the difficult days ahead.

Sheri Gaetz-MacCabe - March 23, 2023 at 07:48 AM

DM

“ Jackie, I am so sorry to hear this news. Alf and I spent many hours together, washing and waxing cars and taking trips to make photographs, he was so much a gentleman. I have wonderful memories of Alf and cherish our good days, thinking of you and the boys.....DAVE MYATT

Dave Myatt - March 23, 2023 at 07:31 AM

DW

“ So sad to hear this news. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Alf was a very good friend of my husband Gerry Walsh who passed away suddenly on Jan.4th,2023. I hope they will be reunited. Kind regards Dorothy walsh

Dorothy Walsh - March 23, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Hi Jackie and family,my deepest sympathies to all of you,I still remember the happy times in Bridgewater,Alf was a wonderful man RIP

Bruce Walters - March 23, 2023 at 06:49 AM

NM

“ Oh Jackie, very hard days for you. Alf was a wonderful, joyful person who cared for and about people. Lucky to have known him! Much love to you and to your family.

Nancy Murray - March 23, 2023 at 06:46 AM

CS

“ Jackie, my dear friend, please know that I'm here for you any time, Alf was a wonderful man and I'll never forget him. Stay strong!

Carol Hale Smith - March 23, 2023 at 06:36 AM

KM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Kevin Murphy

Kevin Murphy - March 23, 2023 at 06:10 AM

DF

“ Dear Jack, Angela and all Alf's family,
Sending our condolences to you all on the passing of Alf, have heard of him for many years. Thinking of you all during this time and the days and months ahead.
David & Betty Fudge

David & Betty Fudge - March 22, 2023 at 11:47 AM

AC

“ My wonderful Uncle Alf, King of the bear hugs. I fondly remember being a young girl in Dartmouth and spending time with my Aunt Jacqueline and Uncle Alf. Bryan and Alf Jr, my condolences to my cousins and big bear hug to my Aunt Jacqueline. Rest in peace, Gentle Giant 🤔

Angela Cormier - March 22, 2023 at 09:01 AM

CN

“ *Jacqueline and family we were very sorry to hear of Alf passing enjoyed his company on some of his visit's to Saint John thoughts and prayers are with all. Charlie and Marge Nelson*

Charlie and Marge Nelson - March 22, 2023 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ *I Will remember Alf for his smile and the best hugs. He always made you feel special
He left footprints for all of the people who knew him to follow. He was a kind and gentle man
Jocelyn Mac Kenzie*

Jocelyn Mackenzie - March 21, 2023 at 11:22 PM

JM

*Dear Jackie and family we are so sorry for your loss. I worked with Alf at Sears he was a sweet & caring man. It was a pleasure to know him.
Judy & Ed McCreedy*

Judy McCreedy - March 29, 2023 at 01:04 PM