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Christopher Charles Hollebhone, a man of quiet determination and profound sincerity, passed away on March 21, 2026, due to complications from surgery. A lifelong Haligonian, "Buck" was a constant fixture in the community he loved, defined by a gentleness that stayed with everyone he met.

Born to the late Bernard and Margaret Hollebhone, Chris was a proud graduate of QEH and later Dalhousie and TUNS, where he earned his degree in Architecture in 1970. He dedicated 25 years of service to the Government of Nova Scotia's Department of Tourism before continuing his career with Harvey and MacKenzie Architecture.

Chris lived a life in motion. A lifelong athlete with boundless energy, he traded the hockey skates and sailboats of his youth for a lifetime of curling, biking, and hiking. He was a formidable runner, conquering Mount Washington twice, running all 17 legs of the Cabot Trail Relay, and completing marathons and some half-marathons well into his 70s. Alongside

his wife, Betty, he turned the world into his backyard—trekking through Switzerland, hiking the Appalachian Trail, and twice driving the expanse of Canada. His professional and athletic feats were matched only by his heart for service. As an original member of the Gonzo Social and Athletics Group and a longtime organizer and participant in the Cabot Trail Relay, Chris was a pillar of the local running community. He gave back through Feed Nova Scotia, the Red Cross (He donated blood more than 600 times!), and the VON, always preferring to help quietly and without fanfare. Above all, Chris was a devoted husband and father. He found immense joy in the simple things: watching his grandson, Jack, on the ice and keeping up with the lives of his daughters and their families. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty (MacDow); daughters Kim Hollebhone (Greg Murphy) and Gillian Haire (Warren); and grandson Jack Haire. He also leaves behind step-granddaughter Stephanie Murphy (Nick Misener and children); his nieces and nephews Bruce, Ross, Jeff, and Sandra; several great-nieces and nephews; and his lifelong friend, Dave Hills. He was predeceased by his siblings Austin and Rev. Audrey Ohmen, and nephews Craig and Dean Ohmen. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating blood with Canadian Blood Services or making a donation to Feed Nova Scotia.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Funeral service and reception to follow, 11:00am, Thursday, April 23, 2026, at
All Saints
Cathedral, Halifax.

Attendees of the funeral or reception are requested to wear bright colours,
Gonzo clothing, or
Cabot Trail Relay clothing

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Sorry to hear about Chris. We enjoyed many noon hour runs to Point Pleasant Park and several other Gonzo events.

Alex Fraser

Alex Fraser - April 21 at 08:38 AM

LD

“ Dear Betty and family, deepest sympathy for the sad loss of Chris. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leslie (née Redmond) Delaney

Leslie Delaney - April 19 at 09:32 AM

JB

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Chris' passing. We were friends for the past 40 years through various running and Gonzo Adventure Club activities. He was one of the best.

Jerome Bruhm

Jerome Bruhm - March 31 at 10:59 PM

FS

“ Kim, so sorry to read of your loss. I will be thinking of you and your family in the days ahead. Fran

Fran Selig - March 31 at 08:50 AM

NH

“ Betty, Kim, Gill and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Chris was such a kind and gentle soul with a wicked sense of humour. I'll miss his laugh and friendly shoulder squeeze. Love to you all.
Nancy Holland

Nancy Holland - March 30 at 02:12 PM

HD

“ It is with sadness I learned of Christopher's passing. Chris and I and about 25 other crazy but creative aspirants attended the School of Architecture as the class of 1970, and our 4 year intensive bonding left indelible marks on all of us. Christopher was a wonderful part of that joyful camaraderie, always smiling, happy and helpful. While our paths crossed only infrequently later in life, such occasions were filled with reminiscences of our wonderful times in the studio. Sincere condolences to family and friends. Harold Dillon.

Harold L Dillon - March 29 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ Dear Betty
I was saddened to read of Chris' passing. I had the pleasure of working with him for number of years, with Tourism. He was a fine gentleman who had great respect for our tourism operators. He will be greatly missed.
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.
Doug Matthews

Doug Matthews - March 28 at 07:58 PM

HW

“ *Saddened to learn of Chris’s passing. He was a contributor to the running community for many years and certainly his community at large.*

May you receive the comfort and strength to endure this difficult time.

Harold White - March 28 at 05:58 PM

KN

“ *I have fond memories of Chris from our high school days and beyond. I was always in awe of his athletic achievements. He truly lived life to the fullest*

Karen Nickerson - March 28 at 05:15 PM

SH

“ *Betty, Kim and Gillian. We are so sorry to hear of your loss of dear Chris. I so enjoyed practicing with him on the curling ice. He wasn’t happy until he had perfected his delivery. He is missed.*

sharon clarke horne - March 28 at 08:32 AM

PM

“ *Mrs Hollebhone, Kim, Gill and family. I was shocked to read the passing of Chris. He would often stop and chat with me as he was out for one of his long daily walks. I will miss having conversations with him, always interesting. Chris had associations with my two brothers, one an architect and one from the provincial government who he knew well and would always ask how they were. My deepest sympathies to you through these most difficult days.*

Peter MacDonald - March 28 at 08:24 AM

RK

“Wow!, Oh Wow.! So sorry Betty for your loss. Spent many long hours with Chris enjoying his company along the Cabot Trail and Lunenburg runs. He was a true Gonzo. Chris will be missed. Ron and Nance Kaszor

ron kaszor - March 28 at 07:29 AM



“So sorry for you loss, a wonderful human.

Marlene Reid - March 28 at 07:18 AM

DH

“It is my privilege to express my gratitude for a friendship that lasted 83 years! We shared many important milestones throughout our lives including he being my best man at my wedding and me at his! His kindness and support continued throughout our lives! His absence will be deeply felt!
David Hills

David Hills - March 27 at 07:47 PM

KR

Kim, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Condolences from our family. (Brother Bob was a Gonzo as well) Clearly, a life well lived !
Kenny and Gwen Russell

Kenneth David Russell - March 30 at 11:10 AM



To Chris's Family Dad and I Want to express Our most Sincere Condolences and Sympathy for Your loss .We knew Chris through running over the years .I remember his concern for Me as he followed behind Me in the support vehicle the last time I ran in the Full Bluenose Marathon I will remember his kindness We will miss Our friend. With Most Sincere and Heartfelt Sympathy Arnold B and David W. Robertson.

David W Robertson - March 31 at 07:15 PM

FI

Dick and I are so sorry to hear of Chris' passing. We have many fond memories and will miss his friendly "hello" as he passed our home on his many walks and runs. A very caring soul.

Dick and Florence Irwin

Florence Irwin - April 01 at 04:25 PM