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Craig Lawrence Downey, age 71, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, following a courageous battle with bladder cancer.

Craig was born in North Preston, Nova Scotia, on November 14, 1954. Although he spent part of his youth in Toronto, his heart never left Nova Scotia. At the age of twelve, he moved to Toronto, where he lived until he was nineteen before returning home to Nova Scotia, where he spent most of his adult life.

Craig was the beloved son of Maxine Downey. He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Chantelle Beals (Galvin); his cherished grandchildren, Alexandra Galvin, Chance Downey, and Chandler Downey; his brother, Gregory Downey; and his sister, Caroline (Thomas) Sparks. He was predeceased by his sister, Coretta Downey Beals.

During his early years, Craig was lovingly raised by Rachel and Austin Smith for eleven years. Their care and influence helped shape the quiet and thoughtful man he would become.

Craig worked in the construction industry for many years, where he was known as a hardworking and dependable individual. Outside of work, he found joy in life's simple pleasures. He enjoyed reading, followed sports with enthusiasm, appreciated art, and especially loved taking long walks. Those who knew Craig remember him as a quiet, gentle, and peaceful soul who valued a close circle of friends and preferred a simple life.

Craig spent much of his adult life living along Portland Street and Pleasant Street, where he became a familiar face in the community. Though reserved by nature, he was deeply loved by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

While Craig physically left Nova Scotia for Toronto during his younger years, his heart always remained rooted in the place he called home. He treasured his Nova Scotian roots and carried them with him throughout his life.

Craig will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who shared in his journey. Though his earthly battle has ended, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

May he rest in the peace of Christ.