



## Darrell Joseph Patrick 'Dippy' Downey

July 14, 1947 - February 2, 2022

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# Tribute Wall

PW

“ Feb 14/2022

*To the Family of Darrell Downey [Dippy],  
I am so saddened to hear of the loss of your Dad. It must have shocked and saddened you. My husband Stephen Wrin was a fellow police officer and a friend of your Dad's.*

*I will always be grateful to your Dad for what he did for me. When my daughters Allison and Andrea were young I took them to the police pool to cool off on a hot day. They were sitting on the side of the pool and it was deep so I was taking them out by turns. My back was turned helping Allison and my other young daughter fell into the pool and your Dad saw it and quickly got her for me. I will never be able to repay him other than to say a sincere "thank you". He was there at the right time. I hope with time your wounds will heal. With sincere sympathy, Patricia Wrin. In God we trust.*

*Also I was talking with another police officer John Brushett who told me about your Dad. He asked me to convey his and his wife Anita's sincere sympathy on your loss. We know he will be sorely missed.  
from John and Anita Brushett.*

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pat wrin - February 14, 2022 at 02:27 PM

BD

“ I was very sorry to read of Darrel's passing but was gratified to read all of the fine tributes to his life and personality posted by so many friends and former colleagues, as well as the loving description of his life in his obituary. As a (now long retired) high school English teacher, I remember Darrel well as a congenial student, along with his twin brother Danny, in one of my classes at St. Patrick's High School in the 1960s, and later as a Halifax Police officer who assisted amiably with security at high school extracurricular events. I also remember Darrel's eldest brother Ronnie as a friendly classmate of mine in grade six at Ardmore School and, with fondness, another elder brother Harold who often hung out with some of my friends and me in the "Connolly Street neighborhood". I offer my condolences to Darrel's family and friends, and take this opportunity to extend warm regards to his brother Dan.

*Burriss Devanney*

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**Burriss Devanney** - February 11, 2022 at 11:30 AM

HF

“ My sincere sympathies to Darrell's family. He was well respected as a youth and an adult.

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**Heather Fitzpatrick** - February 11, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CD

“ Al D and Darrell were our best buddies at the pier when the Port Corp made all the independent operators move across the alley to the parking lot. They always had our backs and helped us whenever possible. They always went above and beyond to ensure visitors were steered in the right direction.

*Reading about his passing was a huge gut punch. He was one of the best.*

*Carol Dobson and Brian Faulkner from Molega Tours.*

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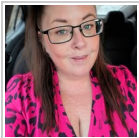
**Carol Dobson** - February 10, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RO

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Darrell's family and loved ones. I will certainly miss our frequent chats. He was an awesome neighbor and friend. I will forever remember him singing "Ruby, don't take your love to town" as he came out his door. Hold tight to all your memories. He loved you all so much. Ruby and Ronnie

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**Ruby O'Rourke** - February 10, 2022 at 10:39 AM

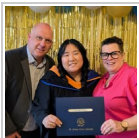


“ To the Downey Girls, we are so very sorry for your loss. I know what your dad meant to all of you. Hoping for peace and fond memories for all his loved ones.

*Kimberly Peters & Peter McInnis*

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**Kimberly Peters** - February 10, 2022 at 05:08 AM



“ Condolences to the entire family at this difficult time - you are in our thoughts and prayers. - Jocelyn, Shawn, Devin, Fenway and Caden

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**Shawn Ryder** - February 09, 2022 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ *To The Downey Family*

*Pam and I want you to know how much we will miss your Dad*

*Darrell was more than a work mate, he was a friend, who always had a story to tell us !*

*He always left us laughing and feeling better for having called him .*

*I believe that Dippy was an excellent police officer, a dedicated detective and a mentor for so many young police officers.*

*I know that Dippy was most happy in his retirement job, being a true ambassador for our city and province driving tourists all over HRM and various parts of our province.*

*We will miss his sarcasm and his dry sense of humour*

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers*

*God speed Dippy*

*Pam & Michael P SPEARNS*

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**michael spearns** - February 09, 2022 at 03:55 PM

MW

“ *So sorry to hear of Darrell's passing, my condolences to the Downey Family in this difficult time. May his memory be a blessing.*

*Mark White*

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**Mark A White** - February 09, 2022 at 10:29 AM

DH

“ We would like to extend our heart felt condolences to Darrell's family. We always enjoyed his visits at the lobster pound, most of the time with guests arriving in Halifax wanting to experience true Nova Scotia hospitality and they were with one of the great ones. Darrell always put his guests first making sure they had the best of times. We looked forward too Double DD's phone calls that he was on his way! We will sadly miss him and all his stories.

*Rest in peace Darrell you did a great job!!*

*Joan and Dave Hoskin*

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**David Hoskin** - February 08, 2022 at 11:23 AM

DO

“ my condolance to Darryl family on their loss.I knew Darryl and his brother from St Catherines School on Edgewood Ave..I believe he was friends with my brother Ken,who passed in 2006. Darryl rest in peace

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**DougDonovan** - February 08, 2022 at 03:43 AM

LC

“ Our sorrow and sadness on hearing the news of Darrell's passing! I knew Darrell in my days when working with the City of Halifax and we were reacquainted in recent years when he would visit us to buy special gifts for his daughters. Darrell was a special man and his friendship and ready smile will be missed. To the Downey family, our sincere condolences.

*Louis and Avila Coutinho  
Avondale Sky Winery*

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**Louis Coutinho** - February 07, 2022 at 08:14 PM

PM

“ *Saddened to hear of Darrell's passing, thinking of his family at this time. Sending My prayers.*

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**Paul McNamara** - February 07, 2022 at 08:09 PM

GM

“ *Sorry to hear of Darrell's passing send my thoughts and prayers to his family.*

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**Gerald McNamara** - February 07, 2022 at 08:03 PM

DG

“ *My condolences to the Downey Family!*

*I first meet Dippy when I worked for the Dartmouth Police Department and worked on some projects with Halifax PD. He was always willing to offer the young cop, from Dartmouth solid and sound advice, information that stuck with me in my 33 years of policing. Rest in Peace  
Darrell Gaudet*

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**Darrell Gaudet** - February 07, 2022 at 05:32 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear the sad news of Darrell's passing. My condolences to the family at this most difficult time. I was a close friend of the family beginning in 1963 (when I was 12 years old) when I moved to Roslyn Road from Stairs Street. Many great memories of times spent with Darrell & his brothers who lived nearby on Liverpool Street while growing up during those early Junior High & High School years. I have enjoyed many fun times with Darrell over the years while competing in fun Poker Tournaments which Darrell loved to play in & he always would keep the players in stitches with some of his outrageous & Creative moves he would attempt at times on the green felt. He will be dearly missed by many from the card playing community. RIP Darrell!



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**Bob Miklos** - February 07, 2022 at 03:55 PM

JK

“ Julia and family, I will miss your dad's dry humor, which I was used to after all the years we have known each other. He always said what he was thinking and would defend what he said. I will miss chatting with him talking about silly things from the past. Last spoke to him back in November and this came as a real shock. He will be missed by many. RIP

*Jackie King*

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**Jackie King** - February 07, 2022 at 03:34 PM

JP

“ *Darrell was my first Sergeant after joining the department in 1989. He taught me a lot about policing instincts, and how to deal with people whether in the interview room or on the street . He was one of my mentors and I was saddened to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to his family.*

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**Jim Perrin** - February 07, 2022 at 01:48 PM

DS

“ *My condolences to the Downey family. I was a long time neighbour from Connolly Street. I went to school with both Darrell and his brother Danny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Dianne ( Harris) & Oren Sangster 🙏🙏*

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**Dianne Sangster** - February 07, 2022 at 01:41 PM

CF

“ *My condolences to Darrell's family. I met Darrell in 1979 when I joined the Halifax Police. Darrell never hesitated to share his knowledge and experience to teach us new guys. He always has great stories to tell when we gathered at the police club. He was funny and not afraid to give his opinion. It was a pleasure to know him and be around him. He will certainly be missed. May he rest in peace.*

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**Cliff Falkenham** - February 07, 2022 at 01:21 PM

EC

“ My condolences to the Downey family on Darrell's passing. I met Darrell 25+ years ago at taxi school. We worked together over the years and particularly enjoyed the taxi tour business. Darrell was well read and could input on almost any topic. His knowledgeable tours were historical, on occasion hysterical and greatly appreciated by his guests.

*His family has lost a devoted man, Halifax lost a true ambassador and I will miss a great friend.*

*Rest in peace Double DD.*

*Eric Calnen*

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**Eric Calnen** - February 07, 2022 at 01:17 PM

TL

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences. Betty and Terry Lewin

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**Terry Lewin** - February 07, 2022 at 12:17 PM

KW

“ To the Downey Family

*My condolences on the lose of Darrell a man with an outer hard core but if you spent anytime with him his inner softness could be seen I have had some great debates with*

*Darrell which always ended with laughter if you agreed with him or*

*not. He was a knowledgeable man on just about every subject. I would also add the biggest smiles I would see on Darrells face is*

*when he spoke of his daughters and grandchildren so proud of all of them. This is the Darrell I new and will always have fond memories of.*

*With heartfelt sympathy, Kay*



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**Kay Wilson** - February 07, 2022 at 09:53 AM

NP

“ to the Downey family, I was saddened to hear about Darrell, I can still hear him laughing and joking around when we were in school together many years ago. He was a good school mate. May the many special moments spent with Darrell over the years, help to ease your pain of loss over time. My thoughts are with you, Nancy Elliott Pike

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**nancy elliott pike** - February 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

MG

“ I worked with Dip in Halifax in 1974. He was a great friend, a good policeman and he's was the one who would always stand with you and never behind you. We lost contact over the years but one day in 2005 he showed up at my door unannounced. It was as if we hadn't seen each other in three weeks. We picked up where we left of. So sorry to hear this sad news. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

*Michael Gregory  
Tatamagouche*

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**Michael Greegory** - February 07, 2022 at 09:16 AM

RY

*So sorry to hear about Darrell . My thoughts and prayers go out to his family . RIP*

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**Robin Pace Young** - February 07, 2022 at 03:22 PM

WH

*To the family, so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. A great fellow and always fun to be around. He will be missed!*

*Wayne Hamblin*

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**Wayne Hamblin** - February 07, 2022 at 05:08 PM

LW

*To the Downey family,  
So shocked and saddened to hear of Darrell's passing. Please accept  
my sincere condolences at this difficult time.*

*Lillian Worth*

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**Lillian Worth** - February 08, 2022 at 08:10 AM

HM

*To the Downey family, my sincere condolences. I'm in shock :( I knew  
Darrell from Cruise ships at Port of Halifax. I met him in 2012-2013. I'm  
a Commissionaire that worked outside with the taxi's for about 7  
seasons. He was kind, funny man but hard too. He had a great smile  
but didn't show it much. May you RIP my Taxi friend <3*

*Heather  
McArthur*

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**Heather McArthur** - February 08, 2022 at 10:58 AM

PK

*My friend dippy , I miss you so much, such a big part of my life and  
family's life, so glad you called me before your passing, I love you my  
friend, you were a great friend, ❤️🙏 miss you. Rest in peace. Paul  
keefe and family*

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**paul keefe** - November 25, 2025 at 11:36 PM