



Edward John Manicom

September 26, 1952 - September 9, 2023

Edward John Manicom - 70, Truro, was welcomed into the presence of his Lord and Saviour on Saturday morning, September 9, 2023 at the Cancer Society Lodge That Gives in Halifax, with his wife of 44 years at his side.

Ed is survived by his wife and best friend, Dallas, Truro; sons Michael and David, Truro, NS; daughter Rachel (Dan) Chisholm, Sarnia, ON; grandchildren Joshua and James Manicom, Vancouver BC; Adele, Eleanor and Audrey Chisholm, Sarnia ON; siblings Christine (Ralph Gamble) Naugle, Larry (Brenda) Manicom, Debbi (Bruce) Purcell, Jo Ann (John) Mumford, Lori (Kerry) Robinson and Alex (Heidi) Manicom as well as nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Keith and Louise (Boudreau) Manicom.

Born September 26, 1952 in Comox, BC and born again and saved by the grace of God on October 21, 1977 in Vancouver BC where he met and married his wife. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, he was somewhat quiet, kept to himself more than he would have chosen had he not been uncomfortable in social settings, but anyone who got to know him knew he had a heart of gold, a dry sense of humour and a passion for the Word of God. An eloquent writer, an amazing visual artist, who leaves many watercolour paintings to be treasured by his family. He was also a musician and lyricist, singing and accompanying himself on guitar as he continued to write songs during his cancer journey.

Ed was delighted to have hit over 800,000 listens to his music on one of his online channels and shortly before his homecall, was trying to write a thank you note to his subscribers to express his gratitude but was unable to do so because of extreme fatigue.

Here's how he described his musical journey in his own words:

"I have been involved with the playing of music since I was 12 when my father gave me an old acoustic guitar with a badly warped neck and a promise that if I learned to play the guitar, he would buy me a better one! That warped neck precluded learning much.

Not being able to use the guitar and sound like the songs I was trying to play, I soon started rudimentary writing of songs to fit the instrument as it was. Later in my teens and 20s, I continued with the music, with better instruments and better results.

When I got saved at age 25, a Les Paul that had been a fixture in my life was sold for the bus ticket that took me to the place where I surrendered to Christ.

For several years after that I shied away from any personal involvement with making music. There were guitars around and I would strum a bit, but I wasn't sure the Lord wanted me to be as devoted a musician as I had been, not until I directly received a song from Him. One day, strumming on an acoustic, a set of chord progressions seemed to just come together, and after playing them a couple of times through, the words were right there . . ."

That song was called "SO AS BY FIRE" and you can listen to it and MANY others by simply doing a Google search for "Ed Manicom".

Since his lymphoma diagnosis 16 months ago, he continued to share the gospel and minister what was impressed upon his heart from the Bible, but as of the middle of June, when he could no longer attend local assembly gatherings, he carried on at home, choosing the books of the Bible that most interested him over the years, writing them out in longhand and doing word studies as he went along -- something he'd always wanted to do from his earliest years as a Christian. Sharing his love, passion and wisdom with any who crossed his path, he made a lasting impact on the lives of his family with his example of faithfulness in desiring to honour his Lord and Saviour.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2 pm at Young Street Gospel Hall, 51 Young Street, Truro, with refreshments following at the hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory to either the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice are most welcomed.

"We can only imagine the joy in that moment when he saw his Saviour face to face - the One he tried to honour in his walk down here - as much as we wish he was still with us, how could we ever think of taking that away. He often spoke of the joy of being in the Lord's very presence one day -- oh how happy he is at this moment!"

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dallas & family - So sorry to hear about your loss. Ed was a wonderful soul. I learnt a lot from him at work. I am from India. I follow his YouTube channel, where he used to share his songs. His humour was perfect. May his soul rest in peace 🕊️ and give strength to the family. I am sure he must be with the Lord right now.

Raj Mohanty - September 26, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CA

“ Very sorry to learn of Ed's passing. When we moved to Truro a while back him and Dallas we there wellcoming us. The kids still sing I'm in the Lord's army that Ed always sung to them at Sunday school.
What a feeling it must have been to be here one moment and With the One who Loved us and gave Himself for us the next. Gazing at those Nail print hands and feet and knowing you'll be with Him Forever. Praying for you to feel God's presence into the coming weeks.

Cindy amero - September 19, 2023 at 10:12 AM

EA

“ Dallas and family,
So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. We did not know he was a musician and a songwriter,so have been listening to some of his music. Cherish good memories.
Ellen & Brian Ashley.

Ellen Ashley - September 17, 2023 at 09:14 AM

LR

“ Ed was 6 years older than me so I really didn't spend a great deal of time with him but he really introduced me to an eclectic array of music. Kerry and I had a wonderful visit with Ed in July and I'm so grateful for that. Rest In Peace big brother.
Lori

Lori Robinson - September 15, 2023 at 05:35 PM

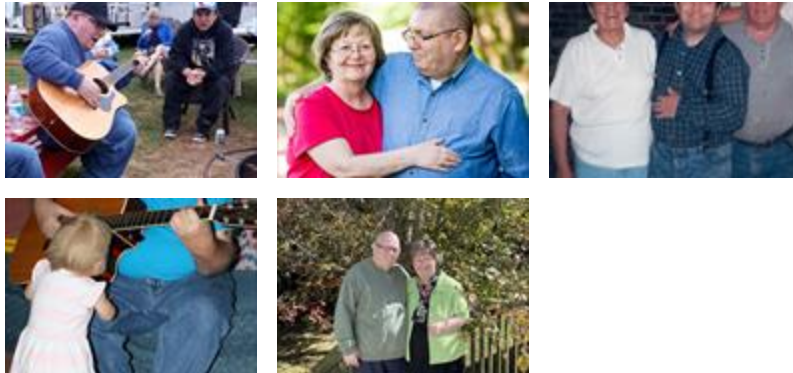
BM

“ Dallas and family, I was so saddened to hear of Ed's passing. I have fond memories of working with him for many years, as part of my 'work family.' I wish for peace for you all.

Belinda Mahaffey - September 15, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DM

“ 20 files added to the album Family



Dallas Manicom - September 15, 2023 at 10:21 AM

RR

“ Thank you, Dallas, for reaching out to let me know this sad news. Ed joined my overnight shift team in about 2004 -- his kindness, gentleness and grace were a tremendous gift to all of us on that team. I remember how we worked together to build a shared stereo system to the cubicle rows in an effort to help people keep awake (and how we even wired it in to the telephones so that it could replace the company's awful hold music), and Ed was delighted by the opportunity to bring in playlists of music from his collection to introduce to the rest of us. I left Nova Scotia in 2006, but I've still got a slice of Ed's music in my collection at home, and I still remember those days when those songs come up.

Rob Russell - September 14, 2023 at 08:38 PM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed for a number of years. His humour and zest for life were inspiring. He was a gem of a human being and he will be missed. All my condolences to his loved ones during this difficult time.

Thomas Ley - September 14, 2023 at 08:00 PM

RP

“ We would like to express our Deepest Condolences to the family. May you find comfort with your wonderful memories holding them close to your hearts.
Roxanna & Bob Purcell

Roxanna & Bob Purcell - September 14, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *My dear Dallas and family .. ! I am very sorry to hear this news..:(my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.. he was my mentor when I started my career :(I used to ask a lot of questions and it was amazing to hear his response! He used to share a lot of his childhood memories with me when we were working at night shifts and most of the world was asleep..it was encouraging to see his positive attitude and skills in all sorts of different areas. I was amazed when he shared with me his experience of building his own house ..lots of memories :(. I am sure he is resting in peace and god is with him always..*

Nowsher Juyel - September 14, 2023 at 06:31 PM



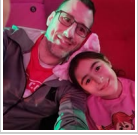
“ *Ed was such a beautiful soul. He was at the core of our little family at Acadia, exploring plans for the future, the past, and our fledgling life away from home. We shared adventures where he heard music that I was deaf to, grasped concepts that confused me, and shared the world of art and poetry with us. I'm glad he died at peace, but appreciate the pain of his loss. His life was fulfilled. I will really miss his music posts.*

Tom Esau - September 14, 2023 at 03:20 PM

RS

“ Dear Dallas and family, this has been a shock to us as we hadn't heard of his cancer diagnosis. I have fond memories of brother Ed. There were a number of times that, while visiting Truro and the Bible Reading, that Ed made some profound statements. Sometimes in question form to spark participation. Ed's quiet demeanor told of a depth within. It has been a privilege to know him in this temporal world, knowing that we have Eternity before us. Margie and I send our deepest sympathy to you all knowing that our Father of all Compassion is ever present. Your brother by God's Grace, Ron Steffensen

Ron Steffensen - September 14, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ Ed was my teacher, my father figure, the man I went to when I had complicated questions about life, God, and how to live for God. I spent hours in his living room soaking up wisdom and knowledge - or on the phone looking to clarify a bible passage, a world event, or my own life' situation. Ed lived a colorful life - one he shared with me - both his victories and failings, his wildness and how only God could tame him. So I trusted him. He didn't judge though he never held back what our Marvelous Judge and Good shepherd tells us in His Word. I have so many memories of Ed; they all involve me coming to him, looking to learn and leaving with learning. I sought him out when I needed to defend the gospel and to grasp the varying religious philosophies I was confronted with. I sought him out when I was mentally unwell, struggling to stay sober, or broken with depression, in need of encouragement, comfort, and exhortation. His words helped me so much..... So many memories. So many good memories. He would share his music with me, his writings, his gleanings...I mean the man was teaching himself Hebrew just to unlock the richness of the scriptures to impart it upon me...A lot of really cool experiences. A lot of things only he could teach me. I remember when he and Dallas had a 'young people' bible study in their living room. I remember needing to see him when just before I was hospitalized with psychosis and he came to visit me in the hospital too. He helped me make sense of the things in life I couldn't make sense of... and always through a scriptural lens...Several years ago, I had a friend going through addiction and with deep deep thoughts and questions about life. I knew if I could only get him to Truro to sit with Ed for a few hours that things would make more sense. Only Ed could make sense of these dilemmas, the deeper things in life....He had a really fascinating way of answering all my questions til the point i would exhaust the topic in my own mind.....but then he would say something like "but you know..."or "but this is what this verse says...." and his eyes would sparkle, he'd grin, and my curiosity would spark all over again..... We go way back. way back. But I'd rather look forward to when we bro hug in heaven and I see that sparkle in his eyes and a that big smile come across his face and he'll say "I told you so!" And he did

tell me so. He told me to live for the richness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and not the temporary rusty old riches of this world. His life was always about God. He knew how to express God with his music, his poems, his stories. God was glorified in all of it. So yeah, I'm sad today as I write this....but I can't help but be comforted by the fact that he 'did tell me so' and someday soon we'll all be together with our Glorious Lord and Savior!

Dan Vanderlans

Daniel R Joel Vanderlans - September 14, 2023 at 01:11 PM

HH

“ *Alex, Heidi and the family... Condolences on the loss of your brother, Ed. Sincerely, Hughie and April Hanson.*

Hugh Hanson - September 14, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this news, Dallas. My sincere condolences. I really enjoyed Ed's positivity and creative spirit!*

Rob Duncan - September 14, 2023 at 09:39 AM

SM

“ *My condolences to Ed's family from a very old childhood friend. Military brats tend to have long memories. From time to time on Fb we talked about Cold Lake winters and swimming in the summer at the cottage on the lake. He will be remembered.*



Sue McDermaid - September 13, 2023 at 12:22 PM

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“ Thinking of you all as you navigate through this sad and difficult time.
So many memories of your family visiting in Sarnia. Good times for sure.
Hugs to you all. His spirit will live on in all of you. ❤️❤️

Pauline (Manicom)Lauzon - September 13, 2023 at 11:47 AM

CN

“ The time I spent with , traveling by train from Sarnia to Middleton NS, was an adventure! We had a lot of laughs and chatting about everything and anything! We were only 15 and 16 years old , traveling for the first time alone!🥺. This I will treasure forever as a few years later we were on separate paths! Rest In Peace big brother ❤️

Christine Naugle - September 13, 2023 at 11:25 AM

DP

“ Ed was my older brother and I found a kindred spirit in the quiet enjoyment of music of most genres. Though his solitude nature kept him from being a everyday appearance in my life, whenever we got together he always had a hug for me - and I felt his love right down to my bones and heart (which I reciprocated instantaneously). We had a connection that had no word but was very intense. I will think of you, with mom and dad close by, watching over us all. Rest, my dear brother, your work is done.
Heartfelt condolences to Dallas, Michael, David, Rachel and all the grandchildren who will surely miss him.

Debbi & Bruce Purcell - September 13, 2023 at 11:23 AM