



Hal (Harold Matthew) Jones

April 4, 2025

At home, on Friday, April 4th, held close by his wife, Silvia, and surrounded by family, Hal,

clear-eyed, with heart open and tender, ended his months-long struggle with lung cancer, and

left us.

He was born in Halifax in 1952, to Regina (nee MacIsaac) and Harold Mathew Sr.

Hal is survived by his wife, Silvia (Sterkman)...his loving mother and constant

church-companion, Gina...his devoted siblings, Cheryl Melnyk (Mike), Patsy (John

Manolopoulos), Jeannie, Don (Akemi), Val (Blaise Cathcart), and Greg (Hisayo Seo)...

plus treasured nieces and nephew, and many dear relatives. Hal was predeceased by his father Harold.

His last weeks were spent exactly as he wanted — with his large loving family at his

side, laughing, telling tall tales, filling in the missing or forgotten bits of history.

'It's all about this' he said, broadly gesturing to the family he adores. 'This is all that's

important. Nothing else.'

Hal asks to be remembered for nothing more than the relationships formed and delighted in.

He spent his last month openly expressing almost divine gratitude and transparent love to be

carried close and cherished for ever.

Hal and Silvia are deeply grateful to Doctors Abraham, Wilson, Cuajna, MacNeil and Amos and

the team of wonder-nurses Erin, Jessica, Théa and Nikki and the countless wonderful unnamed

staff for the amazing, compassionate, tireless care. Hal was immensely touched by all their loving care.

We ask that any donations be made to Souls Harbour,. or that you go and enjoy the beauty of an art gallery.

Ever loved.