



## John Michael Ness

July 19, 1944 - January 14, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Michael Ness (Mike), father, grandfather, and friend, on January 14th, 2025 at age 80. Born on July 19th, 1944 in North Sydney to Mick and Moira Ness.

Michael's first years were spent in Port Hawkesbury Cape Breton, something he was always proud of. In 1946 the family moved to Halifax briefly before settling in Borden-Carleton, Prince Edward Island in 1947 where Michael would spend his childhood and adolescence.

Michael is survived by his children Erin, Kristin and Liam, grandson Nile and great-granddaughter Kenza, siblings David (Patricia), Elizabeth (John) and Paul (Christine) as well as nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Colin, brothers William and Robert, sister Margaret and niece Monica.

Michael worked for several years with the Thunder Bay Ontario fire-department and following his move to Nova Scotia in 1981 was employed with the DND fire-department in Halifax and retired after 25 years of service.

Family and friends will remember Michael for his humor, intelligence, kindness and unconventional outlook on life. As well as his passion for anything on wheels.

He greatly impacted the lives of those around him and his memory will live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known him.

We welcome friends, family, and loved ones to please join us in remembering John Micheal Ness at A.L. Mattatall Funeral Home located at 217 Portland St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 1J5. We will be gathering from 2:00-4:00 pm on Saturday January 25th.

Rest in peace, Mike. You will be dearly missed, never forgotten and always loved.

# Tribute Wall

EN

“ For my father Michael 14/01/24

*I have cried many tears for my father in the last 13 years. These salt water pathways began the last time we spent together, his mind already beginning to betray him, the swirling had already commenced like the blustering winds and snow on the streets of downtown Montreal that winter Solstice time in 2011..*

*As his deterioration furthered and furthered to a point where he was no longer able to hold a telephone conversation with me, I wept for him. I wept for the loss of his dignity, waning like the pull of tides, stranding him on an unreachable island, too far out for any of us to swim to.*

*Father, your barge has come to rescue you. Michael, you can now be free to row your boat ashore. Hallelujah.*

*I love you Dad.*

*Erin Ness*

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**Erin Ness** - January 25, 2025 at 05:11 PM

KC

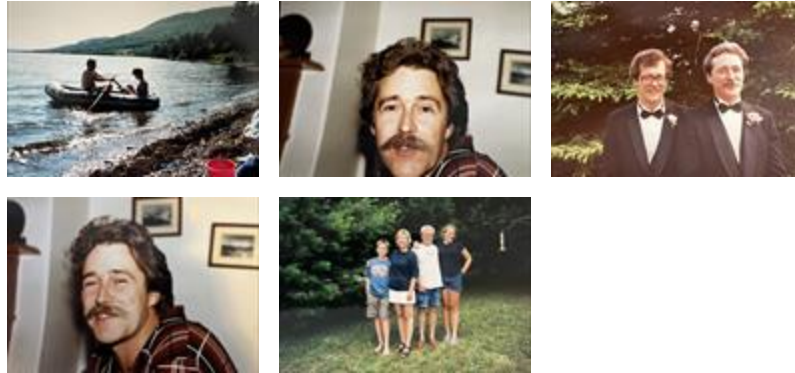
“ *I had the pleasure of working with Mike on the same platoon for many years at dnd. He started a yearly winter solstice party that we all attended every year. I still think of him every year come November. My condolences and prayers to Mike's family at this difficult time. KFC, Kenny Collier.*

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**Ken Collier** - January 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM

EL

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Elaine and Tom Lawley - January 24, 2025 at 01:26 PM

EL

*Our condolences to the Ness families.  
It makes us smile to think of our brother-in-law Mike; times with family in Aberdeen at the cabin, family gatherings; lots of interesting conversations about life, cars; always kind and welcoming to us. (And, back in the day, the girls at Canada Trust swooning when “that good-looking, friendly man” entered the branch. EL)  
Elaine and Tom Lawley, and Family*

Elaine and Tom Lawley - January 24, 2025 at 01:46 PM

BG

“ *Sincere condolences to Mike’s family. I worked with Mike in the Halifax dockyard firehall. He was an outstanding guy and friend. His knowledge of cars and motorcycles was endless and he was always there to lend a helping hand. We shared a lot of laughs together. He will be missed and never forgotten, RIP Mike.  
Barry Gionet.*

Barry Gionet - January 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DM

“ Karen, Kristen, Liam and families. Our heartfelt condolences to you on Michael's passing. It was a pleasure to know Michael , the kids, and Karen's family in the early 90's when Karen and I met at work and had an instant bond. Sharing life's journey as it ebbs and flows over a span of 30 plus years is a testament to our true friendship. Our many chats were often about Michael, how he was doing, and genuine care for his well-being. Michael was a pleasure to know, a great conversationalist, and a man of many talents. For me, a fond memory was when he had to show me how to properly light a barbecue after I burnt my eyebrows off! Who could ask for a better friend and Fireman ! Rest easy Michael !

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**Debra Mitchell** - January 22, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DM

*Debbie and Don Totten*

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**Debra Mitchell** - January 22, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MK

“ I met Mike and Karen in the late 80s when we moved to Macara Street. Our friendship "clicked" instantly, and they graciously hosted us many times in PEI in the summer. Mike was one-of-a-kind: a loyal friend, a gearhead, he could swing a hammer and was the penultimate music aficionado. I will never forget our great times, Mike! Mark, Karen, Alister and Angus.

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**mark knox** - January 22, 2025 at 04:42 AM

NN

“ *To Mike's children and families  
Sincere condolences on Mike's passing. We socialized with him many years ago when we were all much younger, and will cherish these fond memories. My husband also enjoyed working with his brother David through Dalhousie Campus Police. He bravely faced many challenges in his life re the loss of loved ones and his own health issues. May he now be resting peacefully. Our thoughts are with you all during this very difficult time. Life is very precious but sadly also fragile.*  
Sincerely,  
Nena & David Nauss

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**Nena Nauss** - January 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DL

*I worked with Mike for many years at the Halifax Dockyard Firehall... Great guy and friend. Always wondered what cars we would be working on next as he had quite a collection of projects which he enjoyed. Sending condolences to the family....he will be missed!*

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**David and Denise Logan** - January 21, 2025 at 08:02 PM

KL

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**Karen Lawley** - January 21, 2025 at 10:04 AM

AG

“ I knew Mike while working at the Halifax Dockyard Firehall He was a kind man with a great sense of humor He was always pleasant and a good conversationalist. He and his family will be in our prayers  
Alex and Anne Gagnon

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**Anne Gagnon** - January 21, 2025 at 08:37 AM

WW

“ Please accept our Deepest Sympathies for your loss. I worked with Mike for many years at the Fire Department at CFB Halifax. He will be missed.

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**Wayne Wilkins** - January 21, 2025 at 07:58 AM