



## Joseph MacDonald

January 18, 1926 - February 15, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of John Joseph MacDonald, peacefully, on the morning of February 15, 2023, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax, after receiving comfort care for a brief time. He was 97 years old. Joe was born on January 18, 1926 in Brierly Brook, the eighth child of John A. MacDonald and Margaret Purcell. He was predeceased by his nine brothers and sisters. Joe was first married to Phylis (Kelly) who predeceased him at a young age. He is survived by his second wife of 47 years, Kathleen ("Colin R" Macdonald); his son, Greg (Susan) of Cardiff, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. He was a real Maritimer at heart, growing up on a farm, attending a one-room school and graduating from St. Francis Xavier University in 1946, with a B.Sc. He then moved to Montreal, where he began his successful career in the oil refining industry. He retired nearly 40 years later, in an executive position at Petro-Canada. He remained in Montreal until moving back to Nova Scotia a year ago, residing at Parkland at the Gardens, a senior's residence in Halifax. Joe was a true gentleman who embodied the qualities of kindness, generosity and patience. He had a delightful sense of humour, that endeared him to everyone he met. He enjoyed tennis, golf and skiing, but his true passion became croquet. He pursued this activity in retirement, competing in tournaments across Canada and in the USA. He was also a devoted member of his residential community of Town of Mount Royal, serving as president of the TMR Country Club, establishing a croquet group and enthusiastically participating in volunteer activities. Joe loved to travel the

world, exploring new cultures and making lifelong friends. He was a strong supporter of the Stratford Festival, which he attended every year. He served as president of the St F.X. Alumni association for several years. All his life, he remained a faithful supporter of his alma mater. As per Joe's wishes, he was cremated and there will be no visitation or funeral service. There will be a Celebration of Life in Antigonish this summer, where loved ones and friends can gather to share their fondest memories of him. His family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Parkland and the Neurosurgical team on 7.3 at QEII, for the exceptional care that he received in his final days. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Francis Xavier University or the charity of your choice in his name would be appreciated. Condolences and comments can be left at: [www.harboursidecremation.com](http://www.harboursidecremation.com)

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was on Town of Mount Royal City Council and worked with Joe to establish the Crocket Club in our Town. Joe was a fine gentleman and great on the Bar-B-Que. At many events you would see Joe working on the charcoals making sure everyone was well fed. He will be missed and my wife and I wish our condolences.  
John and Betty Miller

John Miller - May 08, 2023 at 04:52 PM

MB

“ My sincere condolences to you Kathleen and the family. You have lost a cherished partner in life. Never easy. You are in my prayers. Thinking of you.  
Maria Bybel

maria bybel - March 07, 2023 at 09:27 PM

RF

“ I was so sad to learn of Joe's passing and send my sincere condolences to his family but especially to you Kathleen. You had a marriage that was a true partnership of respect and compromise, and your love and devotion for each other was an inspiration for others. The world has lost a kind soul and you have lost a wonderful husband. Thinking of you. Ruth Fox

Ruth Fox - March 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

KA

Ruth would you please contact me I do not have your phone number and I would love to hear from you . Kathleen 902 423 7599

kathleen - March 11, 2023 at 07:22 PM

NR

“ We were shocked to hear of Joe’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathleen, Greg and members of their families. Joe was a gentle and thoughtful man. He was one of those people that made others feel comfortable and right at home. He always had some words of wisdom to share on any subject. Joe will be deeply missed by everyone. Rest peacefully Joe.

*Norman & Diane Robinson*

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**Norman Robinson** - February 28, 2023 at 05:49 PM