



Laurie Keith Orr

February 14, 1927 - August 4, 2024

Laurie was born in West Apple River to parents Clifford Orr and Clara (Barkhouse) Orr. Siblings Leonard, Arden, Raleigh, Vic, Gwen and Joyce.

Laurie studied at Normal College and taught school in Apple River and Cannonville from 1947 to 1951, before joining the RCMP in 1951. He married Catherine Ilsley MacMichael (1932-2018) in 1957. They lived in Windsor, Chester, Dartmouth, Ottawa and Charlottetown before his retirement as Staff Sergeant in 1987, and a move to Bedford in 2000.

Laurie loved extended family gatherings, often in Parrsboro and on many trips together. He enjoyed cultivating blueberry lands on PEI and cottage time in Green Hill. He was a dedicated bridge player, and exercise and health advocate.

Laurie and Catherine had three children: Judith Orr; Michael (and Jenn) Orr, daughter Hannah and son Ryan; and Melanie Orr, daughter Paige.

Laurie had a daughter he met later in life, Sharon (and Pat) Burke, daughters Laura, Erin and Meghan.

A small graveside gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the VG Hospital, Halifax.

Tribute Wall

NS

“ We had a wonderful visit with Laurie at his home in Bedford. He was a gracious and engaging host. Paul remembers him as his teacher at the school in West Apple River many years ago. Laurie came from the well-known Orr family - an extraordinary group of people!

Nancy and Paul Sulis - August 16, 2024 at 04:44 PM

PI

“ I had the privilege of working with Laurie in the RCMP and his brother, Leonard, was my industrial arts teacher at Chambly County High School. I remember them both as truly good and hard working people.

Peter Ineson - August 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SN

“ Sometimes the world is smaller than we realize. For several years I have coordinated the Bedford United Church Senior's coffee group. During that time I had many conversations with each attendee of our group. I began three years ago to participate in Ancestry. I am older and my interest in my family history became important to me. In this last year Laurie and I began to talk about Ancestry. We were surprised to learn that my great grandmother was "Ada Barkhouse" before she married my great grandfather, Palmer Lyon. Laurie was a cousin. We talked about the area where the Barkhouse family originated. What a happy surprise. Indeed, a small world.

Sandra Nimmo - August 11, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SN

“ Our condolences to the Orr family. Laurie was an active member of our Bedford United Church Senior's weekly coffee group for several years. We enjoyed hearing his stories and will miss his presence.

Sandra Nimmo - August 11, 2024 at 11:24 AM

CC

“ Judith, Mike, Melanie, Sharon and Families,
We send our condolences on the recent passing of your Dad. Cousin Laurie always showed appreciation when we visited him in Bedford. His longevity was no doubt a result of his dedication to nutrition and fitness. We will remember Laurie with fondness.
Curtis and Margie Cameron

Curtis and Margie Cameron - August 11, 2024 at 08:26 AM

CB

“ Laurie joined my cycling class 3 times per week for the past 11 years. We will all miss his smile and enthusiasm to be active no matter what your age. He was an inspiration and a legend at Larry uteck GoodLife. He will be missed ☐

cynthia baird - August 08, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss - cherish your memories

Marylou Sinnott - August 08, 2024 at 05:46 PM

NM

“ My dad (Brian Sweet) and Laurie fixed all the world's laments together at Tuesday coffee. Maybe they'll have better results now. That group will miss them both.

Natalie Moyes - August 08, 2024 at 04:09 PM