



Leona Marie MacAdam

July 2, 2025

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1967 - 2025

It is with extreme heartache that we announce the sudden passing of Leona on July 2, 2025 at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, NS.

Born in Sydney, C.B. Leona was the youngest daughter of the late Danny MacAdam and Alice (nee McNamara). Leona and her loving husband of 35 years Scott Dempsey resided in Herring Cove, NS. with their 2 fur babies Hank and Alie.

Leona was the youngest of nine children and will be sadly missed by sisters and brothers Mary (John), Theresa (Howard), Cathy (Dannie), Isabel (Don), Karen (Mike), Halifax NS.; Wayne (Kathy), Ronnie (Sharon) Sydney; Donnie (Darlene) Ottawa. A proud aunt of several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews.

The Dempsey family will always cherish the fond memories of Leona as a loving, caring wife and stepmom. She will also be greatly missed by mother-in-law Jeanette Dempsey, Herring Cove and stepdaughter Ashleigh (Rene) Rothesay and grandchildren Emery, Maeva and Hudson, Rothesay, NB. Sister-in-law, Paula (Kevin), brother-in-law Erin, Herring Cove and cherished nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Leona is also predeceased by father-in-law, Keith Dempsey, and sister-in-law, Carolyn Dempsey, both of Herring Cove.

Leona graduated from Riverview Rural High School, Coxheath in 1985. She continued her education at the College of Cape Breton and earned a diploma in Hospitality Management. She moved to Halifax in the mid eighties to work in the hospitality industry. No one who met Leona will forget her infectious passion for her career in hotel management.

In August of 2010, Leona joined Royal Host and then in 2015 she joined the Holloway Lodging Team as the office manager. This is where she left an indelible mark and will be sadly missed by her coworkers and friends. As her coworkers and colleagues said, "Leona was the hub of the wheel...worked with quiet confidence, wore many hats." This was the mantra of Leona's extraordinary work ethic and dedication always.

Leona's passion also included spending her summers in Pictou, NS with loving husband Scott and their dogs where they would walk the beaches in search of sea glass. She also enjoyed watching curling and creating her

diamond art. Her other enjoyment was spending precious time with grand children and organizing and staging family celebrations and events; Christmas being her favourite time. Important to Leona was time spent with friends, Nancy and Patsy on their special trips as well as shopping trips to New York with her sisters.

Leona lived her life always wanting to give back to others in any way she could so we take solace that she has helped others through her organ donations.

We also want to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at both the Victoria General ICU unit and Halifax Infirmary ICU unit for the wonderful care they gave Leona during her brief illness. Also, a special thank you to sister-in-law Paula for her immeasurable assistance and loving care.

Leona left a legacy of friendship and heart-warming memories everywhere she went. A Celebration of Life will take place Tuesday, July 8 at 10am at Stella Maris Church, 14 St. Michael's Ave. Halifax, with Rev. Francesco officiating. Reception to follow at Golden Age Society Social Centre.

Donations in Leona's honor may be made to any local SPCA.

"Gone too soon, yet here she stays,

In every shadow, in sunlit rays.

The echo of her laughter's song,

In our hearts, forever long.

Through sorrow's lens, we see her face,

Feeling absence, a void, a space.

Yet, love endures beyond the pain,

Her spirit's embrace, forever remains.

Forever loved, Never forgotten. "

Tribute Wall

GM

“ To the MacAdam and Dempsey families: I'm so sorry about the loss of Leona. She's gone much too soon. May Leona rest in peace. Take care.

Grace MacPherson - July 09, 2025 at 10:23 PM

CC

“ My deepest condolences to the MacAdam family, Scott and the Dempsey family and all who loved her. We had a few great laughs in our high school years and told many stories our fathers would tell of their days at "The Steele Plant". Forever in our hearts. May she rest in peace.

Cynthia Currie - July 09, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MG

“ I am so saddened to learn of Leona's passing. We became friends back in the Citadel days with so many laughs and good times. I have so many fond memories of Leona. Unfortunately we lost touch but I often thought of her. My sincere condolences for your loss. Marybeth Gromack

Marybeth Gromack - July 09, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ Leah (Colter) Chiasson

I am so very sorry for your loss!!! Leona was such a kind, funny, caring individual. She and I shared many laughs in junior high and high school. So many fond memories! May you all find comfort in your own beautiful memories.

Leah Chiasson - July 09, 2025 at 06:30 AM

LM

“ I’ve been thinking of you all and can’t put into words how deeply sorry I am for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of spending time at your house and you all coming to ours. I think of the fun we had as kids and the shenanigans we got up to as teenagers. Leona introduced me to her wonderful friends and took me on my first venture to Mary’s in Halifax. I know you all have so many more stories and memories to help keep you smiling about our short time with Leona. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers! She will be deeply missed!

Linda & Mark - July 07, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ *Scott, Dempsey and MacAdam Families:*

I am sending my deepest condolences to you on Leona’s passing. I have many fond memories of Leona from our school days. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jane (MacDonald) Lacey - July 06, 2025 at 11:36 AM

SM

“ *I’m very saddened to learn of Leona’s passing. Growing up in Portage, Leona was one of my first Best Friends. I remember lots of fun times at MacNeil St (playing in the barn which I’m sure we weren’t supposed to.) We lost touch after we moved from Portage, but reconnected on Facebook years ago. We always said that we would meet up in person & catch up, but unfortunately that never happened. 😭 My heartfelt condolences to Leona’s family & friends. Fly high with the angels Leona. Rest easy. 💔*

Susie MacArthur - July 05, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MC

“ So sorry for Leona's recent loss. I am still in disbelief . God bless the Mac Adam family and Scott and his family . I am thinking of Leona and you all at this time . Hugs to all and God bless Leona.

Michelle macIntre Currie - July 05, 2025 at 05:35 PM

MM

“ Condolences to Scott and the MacAdam family on the sudden loss of Leona. Her father and Mom were first cousins and it is always nice to share that MacAdam connection. This is very sad. Hugs to all. RIP Leona

*Marlene and Sheldon MacInnes
East Bay, CB*

marlene and Sheldon MacInnes - July 05, 2025 at 09:25 AM

JG

“ Scott and family,

I was fortunate to have worked with Leona for the last ten years. Leona was a wonderful colleague who always went above and beyond. I will forever remember her thoughtfulness, dedication and sense of humour. My deepest condolences to you all at this very difficult time.

John Griffin - July 04, 2025 at 09:45 PM

PA

“ So very heartbreaking and sending deepest condolences to all! Leona was such a deeply loyal, fierce, extremely organized (I used to make fun of her for this and called her Julie McCoy from the Love Boat), caring and wonderful long time friend. She was a pillar of strength for so many and would always be there if you needed anything at all. I will miss her so very much while taking comfort in the many wonderful memories and laughs that we shared. Sending love and light to all! Xo,Patsy



Patsy - July 04, 2025 at 03:11 PM

BM

So sorry to hear condolences to all the family thinking of you all 🙏

Bonnie and Joe Macneil - July 04, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MW

Sending sincere condolences to the entire MacAdam family at the loss of Leona. The comments on the wonderful person she was is remarkable and may she obtain her reward. Tom & Marie Currie Wilson East Bay Cape Breton

Marie Currie & Tom Wilson - July 07, 2025 at 08:16 PM

NF

“ Dearest Scott, Family and entire Mac Adam clan,

Sending our most heartfelt sympathy to all.

We are absolutely heart broken. Leona was an amazing friend who will be truly missed. I will always cherish the many memories we shared. So many great times that I will hold dear to my heart.

Leona, you will always be forever loved and remembered.

Nancy (Bushnik) Farrell and Family xo

Nancy Farrell - July 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM

CD

“ *Sincerest condolences to Leona's husband, family & all her siblings. Leona was a quiet one growing up but when she joins her Mom & Dad in Heaven she will be at peace. Rest in peace Leona 🙏💔🙏*

Claire (Gillam) Detheridge - July 04, 2025 at 11:05 AM