



Peter Robert Matheson

May 13, 2026

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Peter Robert (Bob) Matheson, Age 65, of North Sydney. Born in Baddeck and raised in Hazeldale, Washabuck, & Little Narrows, he was the son of the late Annie Matheson and Peter Nicholson.

Peter ("Big Bob" to many of his family) lived life like it was an adventure. He collected skills and professions; From farm-hand to forester, from roofer to ferry pilot, from diving instructor and underwater welder to construction, just to name a few. He loved to share the stories he collected along the way. He cultivated a life full of friends and family, of experiences & of love. Peter loved loud music, fast cars, camping, animals, and working outdoors. A jack-of-all-trades, he was happy tending to a garden, choring, or raising a barn, provided there was good music and good company. He enjoyed playing harmonica & banjo, fishing, and attending music concerts & festivals.

Peter fought a long battle with Multiple Myeloma for well over 11 years, participating in the testing of experimental cancer treatments and providing valuable information to cancer research going forward. These experimental treatments provided Peter with nearly a decade of extra time to enjoy the people, places, and things he surrounded himself with.

Peter passed comfortably, late at night on May 13th to symptoms related to

COPD. Peter is survived by his son Bobby Matheson (m. Milly), daughter Melody Sparkes, grandchildren (Ember, Flint & Ruby), Brother John Nicholson, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his spouse, Deborah Sparkes, twin sister Patricia (Patsy) Matheson, Brothers Bert Nicholson & Roderick Matheson. The family would like to thank the amazing team of healthcare professionals that were dedicated to his wellbeing. In particular, Dr. Darrel White, Judith James, Grace Cheung & the teams at the Dartmouth General and Victoria Hospitals.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, in Washabuck NS.

Tribute Wall



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