



Reuben Vance Hatt

May 28, 1947 - March 22, 2024

Vance "Reuben" Hatt

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It is with sorrowful hearts that we announce the passing of Vance "Reuben" Hatt, now known as Reuben Vance Hatt on March 22 2024 at the age of 76

He was born May 28 1947 to Lewis and Marjorie Hatt and grew up in Melvern Square Kings County.

Youngest of 4 brothers Lewis, Cecil, and Dwight and older than his only sister, Pauline (Gwen)

He met Nancy Willett in 1963 at Middleton Regional High School. They were married in 1968 and have celebrated their 55th Anniversary.

Reuben accepted Christ as his savior when he was 33 and lived for Him. He

held various positions in Sackville Baptist and Uniacke Baptist Churches.

Reuben is survived by his wife Nancy, his 3 children Julian Hatt, Pamela Lewis and Carol Canty (Michael) and 5 grandchildren: Aren Gray, Alexander Gray, Angel Gray, Nathaniel Lewis and Timothy Lewis.

Reuben's brother Cecil and sister Pauline also survive him along with many nieces and nephews.

Reuben worked in the food industry as a cook for many years. One of the many places he worked was the Bedford Institute of Oceanography until CNIB hired him. From there he worked for KFC as manager until he presented a proposal to do preventive maintenance on their machines. That is when Reuben's All Around Maintenance was born. From the kitchen table of his home in 1996. Moving to a store front in 2007 where it continued until 2023. In Aug of 2023 the company succumbed to the trials attributed to Covid.

He had friends everywhere: Church , fire department , CNIB, KFC, Tim Hortons, Smuckers, Bunn-o-Matic, Sureshot solutions, Cineplex , Big Erics to name a few.

He was passionate about fishing, camping, and old cars. That man knew how to make a campfire and his skills with a BBQ were outstanding

Reuben had a number of health issues over the years and finally was taken by cancer.

He once said "I don't know how to die, I never did it before" but he knew how to live.

Many thanks to the staff on the 7th floor at the Victory General hospital, and all other members of his health care team for their excellent care, collaboration and open communication during his hospitalization.

Cremation has taken place at Harbourside Regional Crematorium with a service being held at Sackville United Baptist Church, 1240 Old Sackville Rd, Middle Sackville, NS, on Monday April 1st at 2:00 pm. Reception will follow.

He lived well and worked hard. He will be missed

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sackville United Baptist Church <https://www.sackvillebaptist.ca/donate>

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dear Nancy and family,
I learned of Reuben's passing through my brother Doug, and I wanted to send my sympathy to you all. In thinking of you, I will always remember how wonderful you were to Mom when she was undergoing cancer treatment in Halifax. Though our paths never pass, Nancy, your name and Reubens will always be honored in the Burhoe households for your kindness, your hospitality and the true Christian spirit you exhibited during that difficult time.
May you be sustained in the days ahead by fond memories of Reuben,
and by the love of those around you. Hugs,
Peggy (Burhoe) MacKinnon.

Peggy MacKinnon - April 05, 2024 at 11:08 AM

NH

Thank you so very much for your kind words. We shared many fond memories with the Burhoe family and Prince Edward Island. I have especially fond memories of your mother.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:06 AM

AJ

“ Nancy & Family,
Sending along our thoughts and prayers from Prince Edward Island. We have many happy memories of the times we have spent together with your family. Love from Sterling & Thelma Jenkins and family

ANDREA JENKINS - April 03, 2024 at 07:51 AM

NH

Thank you for your kind words. We spoke so often of Thelma and Sterling and family. It was always with a smile or a laugh . It carried us through the good and the bad. I appreciate your kind words.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM

RA

“ Dear Nancy

You are in my thoughts and prayers today as you honor your husband's life and commit him into God' care and keeping.

Nancy, You were so loving and kind to Reuben while he was in the hospital. I experienced Christ shining through you as you cared for Reuben. May God surround you and your family with His comfort and presence in the days ahead.

Love and Blessings

Rev. Dr. Ida (Hospital Chaplain)

Rev.Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse - April 01, 2024 at 07:49 AM

NH

Thank you for your kind words. You were such a blessing to us and I thank you for your visits and prayers.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:14 AM

NM

“ *Sincere sympathy to you , Nancy & Family. Fond memories of Rueben from attending Sackville Baptist . Praying for your hurting hearts. May scripture's assurance of a glorious reunion provide a measure of comfort as you walk this journey of grieving.*
Nancy & Donald MacDonald

Nancy MacDonald - March 30, 2024 at 12:07 PM

NH

Thank you Nancy. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind words. When I think of you I associate you with Sackville Baptist church and especially the choir. I appreciate your many kindnesses to us.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TO

“ *Our deepest condolences.
Tammy & Grace*

Tammy Orr - March 29, 2024 at 07:21 PM

NH

Thank you Tammy for your sympathy. I have many photos of our grandsons that we owe to your talents. Thank you again.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:23 AM

RF

“ *Condolences to Nancy and all the family. I remember him from church at Uniacke Baptist. Hugs Nancy..from Rosanne*

Rosanne Flemming - March 29, 2024 at 01:30 PM

NH

Thank you Rosanne. Your sympathy and kindness is much appreciated. It is good to see you at Uniacke Baptist Church.

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:26 AM

BA

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Nancy, and all the family in your loss. Reuben was always kind, had a lovely smile, and took the time for a chat, whenever we saw him, when visiting Bryan and Shirley. Our hearts go out to you all, and will be praying for comfort, strength and peace, as you grieve. ❤️*

Barb Bishop and Peter Allen - March 27, 2024 at 09:39 PM

FP

We go way back with Rueben and Nancy, first meeting them when we moved to Sackville in 1979. We met at the Sackville United Baptist Church. We remember the day their 3rd child was born completing their family to 5. As a family of 6 we didn't often get invite over for a meal. But Rueben and Nancy invited us to their home on the Old Sackville Road for supper. No small task for 11 and prepared spaghetti and meal balls. While Nancy and I did the dishes, Rueben got out the necessary equipment to make strawberry ice cream for dessert. No small task for 11. I was telling our son Jason that Rueben's journey here on earth was over and he vividly remembered the meal, what we had and how good it was. I also remember Rueben's testimony and how the Lord not only saved him but delivered him from his tobacco addiction, never to smoke again. We have many more memories of Rueben.

*We pray that Nancy and family take great comfort knowing 1
CORINTHIANS 2:9*

*"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."
Home at last.*

Jim & Faye Peters.

Faye Peters - March 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JD

Nancy and family, my brother Doug just told me the sad news of Reuben's death. I was sorry to hear that. Although we haven't seen each other for many years, our family will never forget the kindness shown to our mom, Etta, when she was having radiation treatment in Halifax, as it was not offered in Prince Edward Island at that time. You housed, fed, and cared for her, and drove her back and forth to her appointments for many weeks. A testament to your caring hearts. Sending love and fond remembrances, with deepest sympathy.

Joyce (Burhoe) Dunphy, siblings, and families

Joyce (Burhoe) Dunphy - April 05, 2024 at 12:16 PM

CL

Nancy Crissy Lynch here to say I'm so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Crissy Lynch - April 09, 2024 at 11:17 PM



Thank you Chrissy. I miss seeing your smiling face. 🎵🎵 God will make a way where there seems to be no way 🎵🎵

nancy Hatt - October 05, 2024 at 11:29 AM