



## Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden

December 22, 1960 - August 24, 2022

### WALKDEN, RICHARD WALTER "RICK" – HALIFAX

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden, 61, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, announces his passing in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax on August 24, 2022. Born in Halifax on December 22, 1960, he was the eldest son of the late Walter "Wally" and May (Levy) Walkden.

Rick was a long-time dedicated employee of Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax for 40 years and thoroughly enjoyed a fulfilling career at The Mount being quite active and serving on numerous committees. He approached everything in life with intention, precision, and incredible attention to detail. No task was too big or too small. He was always up for a challenge.

Rick had many and varied interests in life. His love of collecting led to an accumulation of world globes and he was happiest when he found a treasure that he could add to his collections. He was a loyal, die-hard fan of the Montreal Canadiens and wore his Habs jersey proudly. Rick also enjoyed traveling with his loving partner, Audrey, and made numerous trips within Nova Scotia, especially to Cape Breton Island, and to the U.S.A. visiting with family and friends. Each trip held a special place in his heart and he had many stories to impart when he returned home.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Fairview Branch 142, was an organization where Rick devoted much of his time serving and volunteering. He gave freely of his time and energy and spearheaded many events within the legion. His favorite pastime was running the weekly Tuesday night Cribbage games. He was a formidable card player and a nemesis to many. Rick won a Canadian Cribbage Championship, representing the Nova Scotia/Nunavut region.

Rick was a man of integrity and gentleness and his sense of humor was second to none. He possessed a keen wit and had a razor-sharp mind. Many people and friends were touched by his wit and wisdom. He will be profoundly missed but never forgotten by all who had the enjoyment and delight of knowing him.

Surviving are his partner, Audrey McNeil; sister, Denise (Nelson Pottie), L'Ardoise, CB; brothers, Brian, St. Peter's, CB; James "Jimmy" Rockdale, CB; Joseph "Joey" (Tetra Aaluk), Cambridge Bay, NWT; and nieces and nephews Tara, Travis, Kaily, Tanner, Darius, Avionna and Melody. He was pre-deceased by his parents.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Rick's life is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Fairview Branch 142, 50 Hillcrest Avenue, Halifax. Interment of ashes will be at a later date. Condolences can be made online at [www.harboursidecremation.ca](http://www.harboursidecremation.ca) and donations in Rick's memory may be made to Mount St. Vincent University or to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ I have thought of Rick often when driving up Seton Road and then driving home from the MSVU 150th Gala this past Thursday it was as if he was around. A great guy. How much, you Audrey and others must miss him when so many of us do some days. love, Joan

Joan O'Keefe - November 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM

AR

“ I only round out a couple weeks ago of Rick's passing. He was a genuine person for sure, very standup guy which I had the pleasure of dealing with on occasion. I am sure all MSVU people will miss him terribly. Gone way to soon.

Alana Roberts

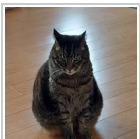
Alana Roberts - October 19, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ Miranda Swinamer lit a candle in memory of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden



Miranda Swinamer - September 01, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ Rick was a very kind man and very nice to work along side with.

Miranda Swinamer - September 01, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Total shock to hear this news last week, the Mount won't be the same without you Rick. We'll miss you. Ian Worrall*

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**Ian Worrall** - August 31, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *I'm still in shock. Rick was an awesome person and an awesome boss. He hired me in 1999 as a custodian and 3 years ago as a supervisor. I will always be thankful for that, and the guidance he gave me. There are so many memories I have. He always ended my evaluations with, " and you still can't retire before me." That was always humorous but makes me sad now. Work will never be the same without Rick. My heart breaks for Audrey, his family and friends, and everyone that knew him.*

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**David Brinton** - August 31, 2022 at 10:39 AM

KL

“ I worked with Rick at MSVU 20 or so years ago. His kindness and sense of humour have always stuck with me, and I look back on that time with a great amount of fondness.

One of my favourite memories of Rick is that I used to give him a tough time and tease him about his love of fast food (KFC in particular, if I remember correctly!) and how unhealthy it was. He went to his doctor to get bloodwork done, and had his doctor write ME a note, proving that his cholesterol was just fine! He put that note on his bulletin board by his desk, and any time after that if I teased him about his unhealthy choices, he would just tap the note with a grin.

He was special and touched a lot of people. He will be missed by a lot of people.

*Kelly (Yeats) LeFurgey*

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**Kelly LeFurgey** - August 31, 2022 at 07:46 AM

SF

“ Rick was an incredible man and liked by everyone. He always supported our Learners and Leaders business conference at the Mount and could be seen by the silent auction tables bidding on several items to support our student society. My condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed on campus.

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**Sandi Findlay-Thompson** - August 30, 2022 at 07:08 PM

JO

“ It is very sad and a great loss to lose Rick. I have been very blessed to have Rick in my life for many years as a great friend and then later as the best boss ever! There were many great times and memories shared with Rick, his family and friends (the good old days). My deepest sympathy to Audrey and the Walkden's. We all lost an Amazing person and it is a sad loss. Rest in peace old-timer! John(Randy)Ross



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**John(Randy)Ross** - August 30, 2022 at 03:04 PM

TW

“ Rick is my first leader in Canada. He always in my shoes and think about what problems I will encounter. Thank you for everything. I will never forget you. Rest in peace.

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**Tao Wu** - August 30, 2022 at 08:37 AM

RG

“ Condolences to the family, Rick was the first member of the Walken family I had met. While living on Parkmore Ave, his family became part of our family. He will sadly missed by all, RIP dear friend, from the Gould Family 🙏

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**Ross Gould** - August 29, 2022 at 08:39 PM

FW

“ Sorry for your loss Joey and family. Tina Waters

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**Faustina Waters** - August 29, 2022 at 03:00 PM

SS

“ Steven Song purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden.



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**Steven Song** - August 29, 2022 at 02:46 PM

GA

“ Sorry to hear about Rick I work with him for 25 years then he became my boss .and friend and he was there for me when I needed him the most. He was a great person and friend I will miss him alot. Condolence to his family and Audrey. Garth Lantz



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**Garth** - August 29, 2022 at 02:45 PM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to Rick's family. I had the fortune to work with Rick in the same department for three and half years. Rick was so active and humorous. He shared so many interesting moments with me. When I needed help, he was always so supportive. To me, he was good colleague, friend and brother. I can't believe I will never see you again. You will be missed.



*RIP my friend.*

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**Steven Song** - August 29, 2022 at 02:32 PM

GL

“ Really sorry to hear about I worked with him for 25 years and then became my boss we still were friends and he was a nice will be miss Garth Lantz



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**Garth Lantz** - August 29, 2022 at 02:31 PM

KK

“ Our hearts are very heavy as we send deepest sympathy to Audrey and Rick's family. He was a dear friend to our sister Danette and a huge comfort to us when she passed. Rick organized and spearheaded the purchase of a leaf on the Wall of Honor at MSVU in Danette's memory. He generously gave of his time to meet with us, show us the wall/leaf, and talk about the significance of this special tribute. His humble nature was reflected as he drew attention away from himself and to the many Mount staff who contributed to this effort. That afternoon with Rick and Carol will always stand out for us...our gratitude is immense. The Mount has lost a one of a kind employee and we have all lost a wonderful human being.

*Karen and Mary (Danette Robinson's sisters)*

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**Karen Kosendowski** - August 29, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden.



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August 29, 2022 at 12:05 PM

AC

“ Rick was always a stand up and up front guy, you always knew you would get a honest answer from him in what ever you were talking about. Gone to early.  
Adrian & Kelley

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**Adrian Campbell** - August 29, 2022 at 11:51 AM

DD

“ Condolences and prayers to the members of Rick's family.

*I had the good fortune to work with Rick on the Atlantic University and Colleges Sustainability Network. Rick had the ability to balance leadership, humor and a "get it done" attitude. Your peers and colleagues throughout Atlantic Canada are forever in your debt.*

*David Davidson*

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**David Davidson** - August 29, 2022 at 09:40 AM

TD

“ I'm one of Rick's employees. Rick has been the best boss that anyone could ask for, he was always there for me. I could to talk to Rick about anything. He always had a way to make me feel better. I'll miss his stories, I'll miss him the most. God has taken this angel too fast from us. It will be hard to move on without him the mount will never be the same without Rick there. RIP Rick you may be gone, but you'll never be forgotten. I hope Montreal can pull out a win for you. Bye my boss and my friend. I'm so heartbroken I'll never see you again.  
Forever in our hearts~Tara Drake-Robart

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**Tara Drake-Robart** - August 29, 2022 at 09:00 AM

HH

“ My sincere condolences to Rick's family. Rick was a great friend and will be sadly missed. I always looked forward to seeing Rick at the ISI Sustainability meetings. I will miss seeing him in October. We will raise a glass for you my friend.



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**Helen Harris** - August 29, 2022 at 08:54 AM

GE

“ To Rick and family he will be missed, We always talked about the habs and going down home George Greencorn

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**george** - August 29, 2022 at 08:02 AM

JN

“ Deepest sympathy from the boys in Dartmouth who he liked to beat in crib. Jim will miss your one liners to him. We got a easy win here.

*Jim Neville*

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**Jim Neville** - August 29, 2022 at 07:47 AM

BS

“ albert and i send our sincere condolences to rick's family at this very difficult time

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**barb sampson** - August 29, 2022 at 07:14 AM

PD

“ You'll always hold a special place in my heart.. RIP my friend



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**Patricia Drake** - August 29, 2022 at 06:14 AM

SB

“ Sending my condolences to the Walkden family, Ricky will be surely missed.



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**Shelly Bellefontaine** - August 28, 2022 at 09:39 PM

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“ Barbara Swindells lit a candle in memory of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden



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**barbara swindells** - August 28, 2022 at 08:29 PM

BS

“ Our condolences to Ricks family and Audrey , Jamie will miss the coffee , dinners , the brotherly chats with him , Rick was a great friend , jamie always knew he could count on Rick , many times when I went to the mount Rick always had a smile and the teasing between the guys started , they were like brothers in every way . Years later when Jamie left the Mount the brotherhood continued, we will miss you Rick so very much , rest easy , hugs to Audrey and his family , My memory of Rick is always wanted to go to Swiss Chalet , he enjoyed it so much !  
Jamie & Barbara Swindells  
RIP brother xo

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**barbara swindells** - August 28, 2022 at 08:27 PM

MD

Many of the comments describe Rick well. He was always quick with a joke and laugh. He took his work seriously and had pride in the results. My condolences to Audrey, his family, and friends. He will be missed.

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**Madelyn Doody** - August 31, 2022 at 06:22 AM

CH

“ Ricky was everyone's favourite "King of Indoor Sports". His family was his world. Even though we were divorced we maintained a mutual respect and friendship and always acknowledged each other's accomplishments and losses. He and Audrey were fortunate to have found each other because they shared so much in common. Rest Easy Ricky; no more pain. 🥺💔 Love Cynthia (Cindy) Hackett

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**Cynthia Hackett** - August 28, 2022 at 06:58 PM

BF

Condolences to the family of Ricky. Haven't seen you in a long time but you and Jimmy, Denise and Joey and Brian will always be in my thought and prayers. RIP Ricky.

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**Blanche Fitch** - August 30, 2022 at 03:08 PM

KC

*Rick was my very first friend when I arrived at the Mount 27 years ago. I hadn't been on the job more than a day or two when he stroll into the office and made an off handed comment, for which I called him "A-hole". His response was "If you were a real Caper, you would have called me "Arse-Hole".*

*Our boss overheard Rick's comment and later (when I wasn't around) ripped a stirp off Rick for talking like that in front of me...Rick didn't tell him I had called him an A-hole first. Poor Rick got "chewed out" by our boss a couple of times on my behalf...so much so that I made him a cross-stitch.*

*Over the course of the 27 years, there were times when we hung out all the time and others where we might not see each other often...but whenever we got together, it was lots of stories and laughs.*

*He was an amazing man, friend and coworker....one that you knew always had your back. He did amazing work on the committees he participated on and was always a great person to have on your side. As President of the MPA group (several times) he worked hard to "advocate" for his group and to make the Mount a better place to work for all.*

*I find it so hard to believe that this amazing man is gone but feel so blessed to have known him and to have had the honor of calling him my friend. Gone, but never forgotten!*

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**Kim Campbell** - September 03, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Walter "Rick" Walkden.*



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August 28, 2022 at 05:23 PM