



Rita Charlene Reyno

May 22, 1947 - October 19, 2021

Rita Charlene Reyno passed away peacefully at the Victoria General Hospital on October 19th 2021. Charlene as she was known by friends was born in Antigonish to parents John and Sally (Carrigan) Macdonald. From the outset Charlene's passion and purpose in life was her family. Due to the untimely death of her father Charlene was thrust into the role of supporting parent at an early age. Fiercely proud and protective of those within her family circle she helped her mother and brothers navigate the challenges faced by a single parent family in that era. At 15 years of age Charlene met Aubrey and the two immediately fell in love. The two were inseparable and Aubrey became more than the "brother in law" with the rest of the Macdonald boys and became truly their brother. Over the years Charlene had two Boys (Sean and Matthew) quickly followed by her two girls (Jennifer and Amanda). Charlene worked during the days as Aubrey worked nights so that there was always a parent home to take care of their children. Over the years her family circle grew as her Brothers and Sister's had children of their own. With this growing family that fierce family loyalty and pride was not diminished or spread thin, it grew and became even stronger as can be attested by anyone who had cause to run afoul of any family member. Charlene's joy in life came from this family, her favourite moments were spent on family camping trips to smileys or Graves island or even poolside in her brother Ian's backyard. The trip with her family to Cuba always put a smile on her face at the remembered good times that where had. As Charlene's children grew, she had even more people to love

and care for with her 6 grandchildren. (Courtney, Grace, Sam, Layton, Mia and Jax). Charlene was diagnosed with cancer in 2006 and she fought an unbelievable fight, characteristic of her in every way. Charlene's answer to the question "how are you doing" was ultimately met with a smiling "great! Just great" during even the hardest of times for her. Her tenacity and courage in the face of her adversities during these years were an inspiration to everyone who knew her. You will be sorely missed, your laugh, your advice, your love.

You can never prepare yourself for the loss of a parent, my Mom has been putting on a fight for the past 15 years battling cancer, and it has been an emotional roller coaster of emotions, I can't count how many times I braced for impact of losing her, and then she would pull through EVERYTIME. WOWING DOCTORS AND JOKING DAY IN AND DAY OUT ABOUT HOW BLOOD WORK HAD BECOME AN OUTING THAT WAS FUN. Even in her sickness she still tried her best to get up every day and hold the family together by getting everyone together for holidays, and that woman never forgot a birthday . We all gave her everything we could in the last 6 months in hospital as she was fighting to recover from her stroke. Whatever she wanted she got, Dad made sure of it. Their love is a love I have never seen before, never once did I ever hear them fight or argue always putting each other first and taking care of the family. To watch someone I looked up to and who was so strong to be helpless was heart wrenching and all of the sudden the roles are reversed, you now become completely absorbed in whatever she needs, just like she did my entire life, I would have given anything to have her back sitting in her chair listening to one of my stories, making her laugh, but she was ready to go, tired of fighting, cancer, two strokes and a heart attack, it was her time. She is not struggling anymore, and she got her wish...God listened to her and to all of us and let her let go . Fly high "Rita Pita" I love you Mom, Love Mandy

Mom , I always looked up to you for your bravery and compassion. I remember being chased by you in Hubbards, and I was running so fast ,

everyone yelling "run Matt RUN" and I fell and scraped my knee, you immediately picked me up brushed me off , kissed my wounds, and then slapped me in the back the head, and said "I still remember why I was chasing you " !! this describes how I remember you because you could be as hard as nails, and at the same time as loving as a mother can be. You will always hold a big place in my heart, I love you Mom, Love Matthew

Trying to write what I would say to you if I could have you back for 5 minutes is impossible. I could never put into words the impact your life had on me. As a matter of fact I am you in so many ways, as are all your kids. I see it now reflected in the behaviors of my children passed along like a family heirloom, your pride of Family, your compassion for the underprivileged, your fierce sense of right and wrong and your stubborn, (sometimes to a fault lol) nature. So if I had you back for five minutes I don't think I wouldn.t say anything. I would do what I didn't so enough of when you where here. I would hold you, and I wouldn't let go. That is what

I really wish I had you back for. Love Sean

Mom If I could say one thing to you, it would be: I'm proud of you! You are the strongest soldier I have met, the most generous giving person. You always made me realize during your fight that complaining isn't merited, because you never did. I saw a Calla Lily the second I walked into Superstore last night. I knew it was God reminding me of you. I will stay strong for the ones you left behind. You are in a good place now with no suffering and no tears. We will meet again soon, as our life here is but a vapor. Love Jenn

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Matt, Aubry and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. I met Charlene many years ago when she was tirelessly (and successfully) advocating for a family member. I had the privilege of learning from her and being "in her corner". Her beautiful obituary says it all. Take care of each other and cherish the memories. Thoughts and prayers, Doug Campbell

Doug Campbell - October 25, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ *Aub, Frank, Graham, Pat, Carmie & families,
Our hearts are broken for each and every one
of you.*



*Such a beautifully written obituary.. .. so
Char....Fierce loving and protective when it came to her entire flock.
Smile on her face when you knew she was personally going through
her own battles.*

*She definitely was a ray of sunshine in this world. We were all so
fortunate to have her as a sister, mother, wife, grandmother....
Friend... neighbor.
A friend to all. A life well lived.*

*The world will definitely be a different place without her.
Someone so special can never be forgotten.*

*Char is part of who you all are..... how you see the world, how you
live and give.
So, we will say ‘So long for now Char, until we meet again..... you
were loved well.’*

*We share your grief and send our Love 💕 and deep sympathy,
Judy & Brian McCarthy
Maplewood, N.S.*

Judy McCarthy - October 25, 2021 at 08:42 AM

ET

“ *Aubrey and family,
Having worked with Aubrey, Sean and Matt, I know how close your family is, and what a terrible loss Charlene's passing will be to you. I am fortunate enough to have known Charlene through her brothers Frank and Graham, whom I also worked with, and she always made me feel welcome in her family. To Aubrey, Graham, Pat, Frank, Sean, Matt and the girls and grandchildren in both the Reyno and MacDonald families I offer my condolences to you.*
Eddie Thomas

Edward Thomas - October 24, 2021 at 07:30 PM

LW

“ *Aubrey and Family,
Judy and I have many fond memories of the various times we spent together in our earlier years camping at Smileys, Mactaquac and a few other places
We always had so much fun at The Christmas Union dances, the Christmas kid's parties and the various events we attended together
Charlene was always up for a good party
Please know we are thinking of you at this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy to you Aubrey and your entire family.
All of our love
Lawrence and Judy Williams*

Lawrence williams - October 24, 2021 at 06:58 PM

LD

“ I am Charlene's first cousin from PEI. I never had many opportunities to spend time with her. But I can clearly hear her voice and her laugh in my mind after all these years because she was someone, once you were lucky enough to know, you would never forget. It was clear she was fiercely protective of her family, so good to Aunt Sally, and a lot of fun and always smiling and laughing when you had the pleasure of being in her company. Aubrey, Graham, Pat, Carmie, and Frank, and all family members I send condolences on the loss of such a great person. You have been blessed to have known and loved her and she you. You will have many memories to hold onto and share. ❤️❤️ Elizabeth Clow Desjardins.

Liz Desjardins - October 23, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss Aubrey! Just the mention of her name brought back memories of all the dances we attended together and Charlene always was up for some fun with you and your friends not to mention the birthday parties and house parties we had together. I am sure you are surrounded by love from all of your family and friends! God Bless!

John and Goldie Godfrey - October 23, 2021 at 04:24 PM

NB

Very sorry to learn of your loss of Charlene Aubrey. I believe I met Charlene at your house in 1968-69 when I attended Dalhousie and your Father, Frank, was employed across town at Canada Packers. Your house was at the corner of Almond Street and there was something about removing a motor from a 1959 VW. It was a great Family. My Son, Percy and his wife bought a small house on Almond Street near Oxford. It was a great experience with a fantastic family.

Neil R Bulley - October 24, 2021 at 07:23 AM

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DW

“ *Aubrey and family,*

We are so sorry to hear that Charlene passed. She was such an upbeat person and we had such great times together, like getting Christmas gifts together for the kids for the Herald Christmas party, to the adults getting together at parties and the Mom's getting together for our kids birthday parties. She always had a smile on her face no matter what. I will never forget her bringing a birthday cake to our house (without me knowing about it) for our second daughter, Jan's 2nd birthday as I had just gotten home from the hospital after having our third daughter. That was just the kind of person she was. Helpful to anyone and everyone. She will always be in our thoughts and hearts.

Larry and Donna Wambolt

Donna Wambolt - October 23, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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“ Amanda Reyno lit a candle in memory of Rita Charlene Reyno



Amanda Reyno - October 23, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JR

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Jenn Reyno - October 23, 2021 at 11:18 AM

PA

“ Very sorry to hear of Char's passing . My heart goes out to Aubrey and all the kids and grandkids . I was fortunate enough to have a few visits with Charlene and family ...and what I remember most is her infectious smile . She was always so hospitable and caring of everyone around her and she really made me feel welcome to the family . I will keep the whole family in my prayers at this difficult time

Peter Allen - October 23, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AB

“ So sorry to hear of Charlene's passing, she was an amazing woman and friend. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time.

Alison Bower - October 23, 2021 at 09:18 AM

SS

“ Aub and family so sorry to here of Char's passing , she sure was great lady, alot of fun but don't get in her way when she was on a mission, Char will be missed by all, our deepest condolences to you all
Steve & Margie Smith ,LaHave NS

Steve Smith - October 23, 2021 at 08:49 AM

LD

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to Charlene's family. We are so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person. ❤️ Louise Doucette

Louise Doucette - October 23, 2021 at 08:45 AM

MO

“ So sorry to hear of Charlene's passing . She was just a wonderful and marvelous lady in so many ways. Condolences to the enter family. Mickey O'Hearn

Mickey O'Hearn - October 23, 2021 at 07:45 AM



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Amanda Reyno - October 23, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ A truly tenacious lady. Aub, I often tell the story of when your dad and I ended up in the same waiting room at a cattle-call 9 a.m. Hospital appointment with several other people. Less than 10 minutes in, Char was at the reception desk getting Frank seen to next. When she came out and saw me still waiting, she said "Come on" and headed for the receptionist again. I had to do everything in my power to slow her down. So sorry for your loss.

Art Burton - October 23, 2021 at 07:00 AM

LY

“ Aubrey and family. We have many fond memories while being your neighbours years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.
Take care. Lesley Yue and family

Lesley yue - October 23, 2021 at 06:39 AM



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Harbourside Regional Crematorium - October 22, 2021 at 01:02 PM