



## Ronald Brendon Bulger

November 22, 1958 - October 28, 2022

Bulger, Ronald Brendon

November 22, 1958 to October 28, 2022. Alberton, PEI - Dartmouth, NS, and many points in between.

In his 64 years of life, Ron went by many names. If you knew him by one of these names, please remember him in the best of times.

If you knew him as Ronald, or Ronnie, you were part of his early life. He had a small circle of friends and family that he always spoke of with love and caring. His parents Brendon and Rosalie, his brother Brendon and sister Linda predeceased him. Sisters Cathy, Darlene, and Della, and their families remain, as well as many other relatives he cherished.

Keegan and Grace came along to give him one of his most important names, Dad. He loved you both so much. When you succeeded, he was celebrating with you. When you were hurting, he hurt more, for you. He was so very proud of you both, in your struggles and your joys. When you met your life partners Kim, and Brad, he was so happy to have them join our family. He was

immensely proud of you both as well, particularly with the successes in the past work year. He knows how hard you worked for those promotions and job changes.

If you knew him as Ron, or Sarge, or Chief, or Sir, you are one of our current neighbours or one of the many people who crossed paths with him in his 34+ years in the Canadian Armed Forces, from basic to Chatham to Baden to Gander to Shearwater to Stadacona to Ottawa to Cold Lake to Greenwood to North Bay, where he finally retired before our move back to Nova Scotia.

If you knew him as Spot, in 2012, you hiked with him in bubbles along the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine and shared ups and downs (literally and figuratively). You gave him many wonderful memories and he continued to follow AT hikers all along.

We went home to Nova Scotia that fall, first to Wilmot and then in 2014 to Dartmouth where he assumed his best and all-encompassing role. We were blessed with four grandchildren. Avery (High Hope) just couldn't get the suggested "Gramps" out, so just like that the world's greatest "Manch" was born. Elliott (High Heart), Jane (a Song), and Dean (High Spirit) joined us, and filled his heart to overflowing. There are just not enough words to express his love and absolute devotion to these parts of his heart.

I guess that leaves one more name, Dear, but really I, his wife Joy, knew him by all these and more. I've known him since he was a Ronald, and grew with him until he turned into all the rest, sharing his joys and his sorrows right to the end. We were married almost 42 years, and anyone married that long

knows there were, like on his hikes, ups and downs, and ups again.

Oh, yeah, one more name, but we don't know it. He was an organ donor and all his available tissue will be donated for transplant and / or medical and scientific training, Ain't that just like him?

His generous nature would want you to remember others going through rough times. Please make a contribution to your local food bank. If you don't have one nearby, we have supported Feed Nova Scotia over the last number of years.

<https://www.feednovascotia.ca/donate/donate-money>

We're off to High Adventures!

Four things we need along:

High heart,

High hope

High spirit

And a song.

High Heart to give us courage, High Hope for venturing, High Spirit for

companionship, and the Song? To sing!

(Author unknown - from a schoolbook he had in elementary school. We sing it together as we head out on our adventures.)

Friends and family are welcome to join us in a celebration of his amazing life, November 20, 2 to 4 PM, at 200 Royale Blvd., Dartmouth. There will be birthday cake.

Badoo-badoo.

Please No Flowers By Request

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Joy Bulger - September 05, 2025 at 11:35 PM

JB

“ 10 files added to the album Ron Bulger



Joy Bulger - June 02, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JB

“ 2 files added to the album Ron Bulger



Joy Bulger - February 02, 2024 at 09:38 PM

BB

“ Very sorry in North Bay to hear of Ron's passing. I will remember his energy ( and awesome costumes at 22Wg Carnivals). Ron also loved fishing so ... Ron Bulger and I fished a couple times (when he was the 22 Wg Chief) and as all learn, fishing is not all about catching fish! The best fish story Ron told me was the time he trudged out on the ice by himself one beautiful winter day. Ice auger, rods, bait, snacks he had it all. Ron was always thinking ... He augered two holes six feet apart. It was sunny, no wind and not busy on the lake so Ron baited up two lines, plunked the baited lines down both holes and lay down on his back between the holes, proceeding to jig each rod, one in his left arm the other his right. The sun won, it was so warm Ron woke up as the sun was setting lol. Ron your stories live on in us. Rest In Peace. Hugs for the entire family. Butch Blair

Butch Blair - November 07, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JB

Butch, we have a pic you took on one of your fishing ventures. It's framed on our living room and always brought him good memories.

Joy Bulger - November 09, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JP

“ I knew Ronald in high school as an incredibly funny and intelligent man. Reading about all he accomplished, the people who loved him and all the lives he touched I feel the world is a less kind place now that he’s gone. John and Shelley

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**John Prendergast** - November 04, 2022 at 03:23 PM

CW

“ Joy, family and friends of Ron. We're so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. We didn't know him very well but certainly knew of him as he left an amazing legacy not only in his service in the CAF but also in his relationships with all who knew, respected and loved him. May you all share, celebrate and cherish his endearing memories in order to navigate this difficult time, also knowing that his extended family is your family as well. Love and best wishes to all, Cam and Carrie Winters

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**Cam Winters** - November 03, 2022 at 07:36 PM

WT

“ Joy, my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I think of you both when I am travelling about with my 5 grandkids. I know your own grandchildren were a joy to Ron. I would run into you both on occasion when you came back to visit in the Valley. I could hear the pleasure and pride when he spoke of the family. I am so very sorry. Wendy Trimper

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**Wendy Trimper** - November 03, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ Joy I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful man Ron. I know you both worked hard to build family memories and love your children/grandchildren to bits. May the strong family you created together hold you up during this sad time. Much love to you!  
Carolyn VanderHeide from Kentville library.

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**Carolyn VanderHeide** - November 03, 2022 at 09:42 AM

SM

“ To Ron’s family (I knew him as Ronald), so very sorry for your loss. We had lots of good times in our younger years on summer adventures in Foxley River. Sending love and prayers for your family. Susan Bulger Maynard

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**Susan Maynard** - November 03, 2022 at 08:28 AM

SO

“ Sending our condolences on the sudden passing of Ronald. Sonny & Linda Gallant

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**Sonny** - November 03, 2022 at 07:55 AM

ND

Sorry to learn of Ronald’s death.  
Norma DesRoches

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**Norma DesRoches** - November 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

SM

Dear Joy, I am so sorry to learn about Ron. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you navigate the road ahead. I know it’s difficult and overwhelming at times, but focus on your memories of a life well-lived and loved. With fond memories of your time at AVRL.  
Sue Mullen

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**Susan Mullen** - November 03, 2022 at 08:48 AM

RB

*Sorry for your loss Joy and family, thoughts and prayers for you all. 🙏*

**Ronnie Blanchard** - November 03, 2022 at 11:15 AM

SM

*He will be missed by many I know I will what a very good friend Stay Strong Joy If I can help with anything let me know  
Steve Madden*

**Stephen G Madden** - November 03, 2022 at 11:15 AM

AM

*Joy, you were blessed to be married to such a wonderful man. I got to know Ron a bit while working with the youth group at The Edge. He was humble, kind and had so much enthusiasm with the kids. I was in awe of your shared endeavour through the Appalachian Trail years later. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children.*

*Amy-Lynn Bell*

**AmyLynn** - November 03, 2022 at 11:47 AM

BH

*My deepest sympathies for your tragic loss, Joy and family. I feel privileged to have known Ron and work with him in Ottawa. He provided guidance and humour during our time there making unaccompanied posting enjoyable. Never to be forgotten.*

**Bernard Dale Hingst** - November 05, 2022 at 11:19 PM

JB

“ 6 files added to the album Ron Bulger



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**Joy Bulger** - November 02, 2022 at 05:49 PM

GB

*I didn't know Ron or your family, but I want you to know that he sounds like he was a truly wonderful man. Whoever wrote his obituary did a superb job of conveying him and his life.*

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**Glenda g Bollivar** - November 02, 2022 at 11:59 PM

CH

*Pretty sure he was our bus driver when i lived in Freeland, He was always courteous to us*

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**carol anne hazelden** - November 03, 2022 at 03:13 PM