



Stephen Neil Culligan

September 21, 1977 - December 24, 2024

Our hearts are broken as we announce the passing of Stephen Neil Culligan on December 24, 2024, after a seven-month battle with cancer.

Born September 21, 1977 to loving parents Katherine and Henry, Neil grew up in his home town of Port Hawkesbury NS, graduating from high school in 1995. From there he studied at Mount Allison University, NSCC Stellarton and Dartmouth, Saint Mary's University and Harris Institute for the Recording Arts in Toronto. While attending each of these institutions of higher learning, Neil met people who would prove to be beneficial later in life and formed lifelong friendships.

While in Halifax, Neil met his wife Anne, who joined him on the next 26 years of his adventure, including following him out to Ontario to expand horizons. There he earned a diploma in sound engineering but soon turned his hand to home renovation and property management in Toronto. This led to a move to Muskoka to work for Ferguson Contracting, later embarking on his own contracting business with a friend. It was during this period that Neil developed a passion for camping, boating, fishing year-round, and cruising through the woods by motorbike or snowmobile.

In time they were blessed with the birth of their first child and they returned back east where Neil continued doing carpentry and renovation. Looking for

change, Neil enrolled in the NSCC Akerley Campus Construction Administration Technologist program. Upon completion, he was hired by Flynn Canada, where he worked until his illness.

In his 10 years with Flynn he advanced to the position of Project Manager of their Metals Division. Neil had many successes in his work and took great pride pointing out the different projects he'd worked on around HRM. He was highly admired and respected amongst his peers, occasionally taking on the role of mentor without even realizing it. Flynn was a huge part of his life, both at work and in his personal life, and from it he cultivated solid friendships. The support, love and respect that they showed Neil right up until the end will never be forgotten.

Neil valued friendship and had an effortless ability to bring people together. The garage at the house quickly became a social hub: dart night with "the boys" or jamming with "the band" on whatever tune was inspiring in the moment. To be friends with Neil was to quickly find a brother - the type of genuine friendship that you're lucky to experience in life. Friends describe him as fun, witty, musical, creative, smart, loyal, selfless, and always willing to help. His kindness, honesty, and easy-going nature made people at ease to speak their mind, especially when it sparked insightful and thought-provoking debate. His smile and brazen humour will be remembered well by those who knew him.

Neil was a fan of just about any kind of music with soul, especially blues, rock, funk, jazz, and old-time country. Shooting the breeze with Neil about music was an education of sorts that often had you looking into some artist or album you'd never heard before. A multi-instrumentalist, he was proficient on guitar, drums and bass.

Neil also held a reverence for nature, whether camping, hiking, or enjoying a

beer with a view. Other pursuits in recent years included sailing and curling.

Above all else, Neil loved and cherished his family, taking every opportunity to share his passion for music, nature, and carpentry. Neil leaves behind loving wife Anne and three sons, Aiden, Avery and Henry, Neil is also survived by parents Katherine and Henry Culligan, brothers Christopher (Beth) and Barry (Connie), father-in-law Donald Fay, mother-in-law Margaret Machum, brother-in-law Martin (Marianne), sisters-in-law Gwyneth (Nic), Grace (James), and Margaret (Graham), nephews William, Ethan, and Jasper and nieces Catherine, Fiona, Sophie, Bridget, and Isabelle.

There will be no funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 4, 2025 at the Royal Artillery Park Officers Club at 1575 Queen Street, Halifax NS from 3:00-5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ 25 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Kathy - March 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ Our sincere condolences to you Kathy&Henry on the passing of you son Neil.Our thoughts & prayers are with you both and your famiy.Hugs Mary Eva & Ervin

mary eva smearer - January 22, 2025 at 04:12 PM

NC

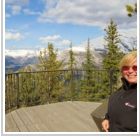
“ Anne and family and Culligan's - Henry,Kathy,Chris and Barry - our deepest condolences on Neil's passing. We remember him well from his school days and what a fine young man he was. Nancy and Dave Cluett

nancy cluett - January 05, 2025 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ Anne, words fail me, so for now I will simply pass on our condolences. ~ Michael & Hannah Munday

Michael James Munday - January 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Anne, a small piece of my heart just broke away when I heard the sad news. I wanted to send you and the boys my heartfelt condolences and wishes that your healing is fast and strong. And if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to ask.
Catherine Kersten

Catherine Kersten - January 02, 2025 at 09:39 AM

GM

“ To Neil's Family at home and his FLYNN family , I want to pass on my deepest condolences. May the fond home memories and the work memories carry you all through at this time.
Gil

Gil Gil Mulligan - January 02, 2025 at 08:11 AM

SC

“ Dear Anne, Aiden, Avery, and Henry
We were so very sorry to hear about Neil's death. Please know we are thinking of you and holding you in our hearts. Our sincere sympathies to all Neil's family. Sheila and Sandy Clark

Sheila & Sandy Clark - January 01, 2025 at 03:23 PM

AS

“ Henry, Kathy, Barry, Chris, and of course Anne,
I was so saddened to hear the news of your loss today. Though it's been years since I have seen Neil, I have such fond memories of him from our years at school together. My heart goes out to you - you are in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest condolences,
Amanda Sullivan

Amanda Sullivan - January 01, 2025 at 01:19 PM

SS

“ Dear Kathy, Henry, Chris, Barry, Anne and families. We were so sorry and heartsick to learn today of your loss.

In our small town, with our daughter being the same age and going through school with Neil, we have many memories of Neil. Elementary school, Sunday school, SAERC band, whatever he did, wherever he went, he stood out. The mention of Neil's name brings a smile to our face.

As his parents, wife, siblings and children, we send you our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. We hope that you find comfort in the knowledge that Neil, with his big personality, touched so many lives in such a positive way.

*Thinking of you at this very sad time
Stuart and Audrey Sullivan*

Stuart and Audrey Sullivan - January 01, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers have been and continue to be with you all at this very sad time. God bless you all
Billy and Monica MacDonald*

Monica MacDonald - January 01, 2025 at 07:24 AM

TB

“ *So sorry to hear of the great loss of dear Neil. Sending love to the whole Culligan family.*

Tara Boudreau - January 01, 2025 at 05:47 AM

JA

“ Dear Kathy, Henry, Chris and Barry, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have many memories of Neil. Most vividly is asking Neil to play the fiddle at my wedding. He response, "sure but I don't have a fiddle", we said we can get you a fiddle. He was such a gifted musician, he quickly learned the pieces of music and was excellent. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Jill Archibald

Jill Archibald - December 31, 2024 at 06:02 PM

CC

“ Dear Kathy and Henry, Christopher and Barry and families. We were so sorry to hear of Neil's passing. He was such a dear little boy, lots of great memories. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this tragic time ❤️
Carol Cormier
Amy (O'Brien), Dion and Adam Kelderman

Carol Cormier - December 31, 2024 at 05:38 PM

SM

Anne - I was so sorry to read about you losing your husband at such a young age. You are a strong woman and I'm sure you will be able to help your 3 sons through a very difficult time in their lives. My thoughts are with you as you face this new life without your life partner.

shirley mcinnes - January 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ I had the pleasure to meet Neil sailing on Gersemi for a number of years. He was always a joy to be around no matter the weather or chaos onboard. I was able to join for a number of Dart Nights in the garage and owe my passion for the game today partly to Neil and the fun we had. My condolences to his family and friends. Miss you buddy.

Daniel Horne - December 31, 2024 at 05:06 PM

DB

“ Kathy and Henry, we are deeply saddened by the loss of your son, Neil. Our condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Daniele & Rod Burlock

Daniele & Rod Burlock - December 31, 2024 at 01:32 PM

PM

“ To Anne Aiden, Avery and Henry we send our Wishes that you will be uplifted by all your memories of life with Neil. He will be missed.

Phyllis MacRae - December 31, 2024 at 01:23 PM

PW

“ To Henry, Katherine, Christopher and Barry, I wanted to express my deepest condolences on the profound loss of your son and brother Neil. I remember him fondly, letting you know that my heart is with you all and may his memory continue to provide you with the joy that I know his presence did. Deepest condolences to his partner Anne and his family and everyone in his orbit that was touched by his spirit.

Paul White - December 31, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RC

“ Henry, Kathy and family....no words can express the depths of our sadness at the loss of Neil.
We hope this simple note will somehow lighten your load, even a little bit, at this difficult time.
Our hearts are with you all.
Peace
Rod, Lynn and family

rod corbett - December 30, 2024 at 02:11 PM

CA

Kathy, Henry and family;

Our thoughts are with you constantly. Neil was fortunate to have all your love, devotion and caring, especially during his 7 month cancer ordeal.

Our family is fortunate to have known Neil, always very obliging and friendly.

We realize this is a very difficult time.

Nancy and Calvin

CALVIN ARCHIBALD - December 30, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MM

Our family was very sad to hear of Neil's premature passing. God bless all the Culligan family.

Marie and Gerry MacDonald - December 30, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JK

Our sincere condolences to Cathy, Henry, Chris, Barry, Neil's wife Anne & their precious sons and all your family. You are in our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time.

Jeanette & Kevin - December 30, 2024 at 08:09 PM

MH

My deepest sympathy to you all. Such a wonderful young man. God Bless you all. 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

Mary Halfpenny - December 31, 2024 at 08:08 AM

ML

I write this note with a very heavy heart. To Neil's wife, Anne and his children, I cannot find words to express how sorry I am for your terrible loss. To Kathy and Henry, Christopher and Barry, we send our heartfelt condolences. This is a burden beyond anything most of us have endured and it is so hard knowing Neil should have had many good and meaningful years left to enjoy you and a full life!

In all our years together in Port Hawkesbury our families mingled so often.....and as it happens with most families, day to day life moves on and we never imagine that one of our children or siblings could be taken from us so quickly, so young, and in such a devastating manner. We hope and pray that you can focus on all the bright and meaningful spots in your lives with Neil, and keep your fond memories very close.

*Sending virtual hugs to all of you.....
Margie & Bob Lanctot*

Margie & Bob Lanctot - December 31, 2024 at 04:20 PM

RT

Henry, Katherine, Christopher and Barry .. please accept my deepest condolences. Our family lost our sister at a young age and can understand your pain. Memories will keep him rooted in your minds and hearts .. Roger Touesnard

Roger Touesnard - January 01, 2025 at 06:18 PM

SC

I have some great memories of Neil, Barry and Christopher on the beach in Belledune. In the beginning, we swam during the day & built bonfires to light up in the evening to share laughter & song throughout the night. Then the Henry/Kathy family grew with the addition of the partners & grandchildren. I will cherish the last summer spent singing along with Neil on the guitar; he was so willing to try any song whether he knew it or not! I can still see the big smile on his face lit up by the fire. I can't imagine how painful it is for all of you, but as it has been said, I hope the good times you had with him can give you all comfort at this painful time. Love Auntie Mary Sue 🥹 Julie sends her love to you all!

susan culligan - January 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ Sincere condolences to Neil’s wife , children , parents and family .
A beautiful boy gone much too soon .
Will keep you all in our prayers.
Sincerely , Ron and Sally Wagg

sally crawford wagg - December 30, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ I've known Neil since his birth as his family lived down the street from my family. My 1st son Robbi was born in 1977 so they have known each other forever also. Lots of memories of Neil and Robbi together. My heart breaks for his family and friends. Forever in our hearts. RIP Neil 🙏💔

Kimberly Landry - December 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

YC

“ I am so sorry for your loss ... I remember Neil when I first met him when he played hockey for the very first team I coached ... we had a little gathering at the end of the season and Neil had come with a card and gift for me ... I still have the picture in my collection of hockey memorabilia in my basement ...Neil's friendly character will surely be missed ... RIP my friend your suffering is over

Yvon Charron - December 30, 2024 at 10:11 AM

AL

“ Our sincerest Condolences to Neil's wife Anne and children as well as his parents dear Henry & Cathy. We remember Neil well from his years growing up in Port Hawkesbury and are so saddened to hear of his passing. We will remember you all in our prayers.
Anna Marie and John Langley

Anna Marie Langley - December 30, 2024 at 09:54 AM