



## Steven Allan Halliday

March 16, 2025

Steven Allan Halliday of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia passed suddenly into eternal life in the early morning hours of March 16th, 2025, at the age of 67. Steve was born on November 26th, 1957, in Annapolis Royal to the late Frank and Gladys (Turbitt) Halliday.

Steve was ambitious from the start graduating from Acadia University with a Bachelor of Science in 1980 and continuing to expand his knowledge during the early years of internet technology. Steve had a lengthy career working as a civilian in IT for the Department of National Defense

Growing up on a farm left a permanent love for nature and living off the land in Steve. He spent a great deal of time tending to the family garden. Visitors would always hear the excitement about whatever new vegetable was growing in the back yard. Steve enjoyed many sports through the years. As an avid sports fan, Steve played baseball, golf and in February of this year was awarded the honor of third-degree brown belt in Ju Jitsu by Master Zinck. Many a friendly sports wager was made in the living room of the Halliday home. While not many were won by Steve, his joy came from the laughter and banter that carried on while watching the game surrounded by friends and family.

A man who could find a bargain anywhere and loved to cook. Steve could turn \$20.00 into a family feast fit for a king and his family made him feel like a king. Steve's passion was family. Devoted husband of 32 years to Sheila (Maclsaac), loving father to Christina (Dean) Arbuckle and Kimberly (Will)

Halliday, Steve worked hard to ensure they had everything they needed and more. From entertaining young children with his guitar skills during the lengthy power outage of Hurricane Juan to showing up to do handy work and offer moving assistance, Steve could do it all. He enjoyed travel with his family and took great pride in watching his girls grow into successful young women. In recent years Steve was happy to expand the family and have 2 sons to back him up in a family of women. Steve spent time with Dean and Will beating them at pool but was always willing to support them in any way. He could easily hold the title of Dad Joke connoisseur. A bit facetious, one would think. Besides his parents, Steve was predeceased brother Donald, sisters Dorothy and Alice; parents in law Isabel (Edwards) & Angus MacIsaac, sisters in law Patsy & Chalotte. Steve was a dear brother to Frank Jr, Granville Beach, William (Kathie), Joan (Roland) Halliday, both of Halifax and Joyce (Grant) Halliday, Granville Beach who are left behind to mourn his passing. Steve also leaves behind sisters in law Marg Kearney of Halifax, Kay (John) May, Glace Bay, brothers in law John (Frauke) Ontario, Raymond, New Waterford, Donnie, Dominion, Doug & Ronnie both of Halifax.

Cremation & service information.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Sheila and girls,  
I was so surprised to hear of Steve's passing. My condolences to  
you and his family. He was a great neighbour  
Mary Boutilier*

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**Mary** - April 02, 2025 at 07:05 PM

TR

“ *Dear Friends and Family of Steve*

*I am deeply saddened by Steve's passing. Having known him for many years through our shared passion for Kyushu Jujitsu, I can truly say he was an exceptional person. His dedication, kindness, and unwavering spirit were inspiring to all who had the privilege of training alongside him. Steve's presence brought a unique warmth to the dojo, and his memory will forever be cherished by those of us who had the honour of knowing him.*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Troy*

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**troy** - March 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM

MA

“ We are deeply saddened for your loss. The bond our son, Dean, and Steve shared was truly special. Steve’s guidance and inspiration meant so much to Dean. His kindness and wisdom will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.  
-Dale and Mary Ann Arbuckle

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**Mary Ann Arbuckle** - March 23, 2025 at 10:32 AM

HE

“ Steve was a valued member of the Halifax IT Subgroup Executive. He was always willing to pitch in an help. We will miss him.

*Halifax IT Subgroup Executive*

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**Halifax IT Subgroup Executive** - March 21, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JC

“ I also met Steve through Ju-Jitsu. Although I only had the opportunity to know him for a few months, he left a lasting impression. He struck me as someone massively talented and competent but with no ego at all. A rare combination.

*I will miss him a lot. We all do.*

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**Jon Clark** - March 21, 2025 at 12:18 AM

JZ

“ I met Steve through our Ju-Jitsu Club where his daughter Kimberly practiced for many years. He later joined our club and was apart of our Martial Art family for over 15 years. His dedication, spirit, and passion for the art were a true inspiration to all those who trained alongside of him. Whether in practice or in life, he embodied the discipline, respect, and perseverance that defined a true martial artist and friend.

*I will never forget the day I got my first deer-I was so excited to share my experience, and when Steve walked into the dojo, he was the first person I told. His genuine enthusiasm and support made that moment even more special as I know we shared the same passions inside and outside the dojo.*

*His presence on the mat and in our lives will be deeply missed, but his legacy will continue to inspire us all. Rest easy Steve, I will miss our dojo practice and banter.*

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**Johanne Zinck** - March 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM

“ For over 15 years, Steve was not just a student at Budocentral Martial Arts, he was family. His daughter Kimberly trained with us for a decade, growing from a young student in our Kyushu-Ryu Ju-Jitsu program to a respected senior youth instructor through our mentorship program. Together, their family has been a part of our dojo for nearly a generation.

Steve was truly passionate about the club. He was never late, rarely missed a class, and approached every lesson with unwavering dedication. Unlike so many others, he never complained, he simply gave 110% every time he stepped onto the mats. He worked so hard he always wore a headband to keep the sweat from rolling into his eyes or onto his training partners during grappling. That headband became a signature of his quiet but determined presence.

I used to tease Steve about our aches and pains, convinced that as an older student, he had to be feeling the same arthritis that slows me down. But every time I asked, he'd just shake his head with a grin and say, "Nope." Whether he was telling the truth or just humoring me, it became our running joke, one that never failed to get me ranting and carrying on about how I was in worse shape than him!

Beyond the dojo, Steve and I shared another passion, hunting. Every fall, we'd swap stories about our hunting plans, his trips to the valley, and the deer roaming our yards, trading photos and videos like two excited school kids. That was Steve, genuinely excited about the little things, always eager to share a laugh.

What I will miss most about Steve is his humility. He never brought ego to the dojo. He worked hard, never blamed a training partner when things didn't go perfectly, and always had a smile, a laugh, and a helping hand for lower-ranking students. That's why everyone loved him.

*Steve, my friend, you will be deeply missed. Thank you for your dedication, your kindness, your friendship and your quiet strength. The dojo won't be the same without you.*

*Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Frank Zinck** - March 20, 2025 at 09:49 AM

CN

“ *Thinking of you Kim and your dear family! You always speak so highly of your family and want you to know you are on our hearts during such a time of grief of the loss of your Dad. Take good care and hope his light can continue to shine on in all you do. Big hugs.*  
*- Courtney Nicholson- Patriquin*

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**Courtney NP** - March 19, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ I met Steve at the bus stop over 14 years ago. We road into work for quite some time. We talked about family and friends. His daughter Kim was in the same Ju Jitsu club as me and I convinced him to join the adult practice. Ever since then whenever I wasn't deployed, away for work, vacation, or school we take turns driving to class twice a week.

Steve was there for me through a lot in my life. He helped build my back deck and front steps, and whenever I faced a problem, he was always ready. Whether he had the right tool to fix it, the will to help, or simply the ear to listen. He became one of the best sounding boards I ever had. There wasn't much about my life he wasn't aware of, and I'll always be grateful for the way he was there for me, without judgement.

Once I was forced to deploy after my wife became very ill. I spent the night in the hospital with her until 300 a.m. The Dr could not give us a diagnosis as to why she was in so much pain. So, we went home, and I left 3 hrs later on my ship. My wife got Steve to take the kids to day care that day and she returned to the hospital and was admitted for over a week. Later that day I finally was able to phone home at 1000 p.m. Only to have Steve answer the phone in my house. Without me knowing about the state of my wife he had stepped up by not only delivering them to day care but picking them up and cared for them that night and the next day he did the same thing again because I had to wait for a helicopter to come pick me up and fly me home. I was so apologetic but yet so grateful to have such an amazing neighbour in my life. This was truly a normal standard for Steve never thinking twice about lending a helping hand.

Over the years we would have friendly competitions on who could grow the best tomatoes, and I always lost out until last summer when I had help from the local deer population that ate all of his plants.

*We had social gatherings together many of nights with the Ju Jitsu club at BP. Pancake breakfast on Canada day, His daughters graduations, Birthday parties. I can go through the video tape of my children's birthdays parties and can guarantee Steve will be in the back ground in many if not most of my kids parties.*

*Looking back now, I realize how much Steve was a safety net for me. His simple acts of kindness made my life easier. He was truly a best friend, and I will forever be thankful for the time we shared.*

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**Dave Simpson** - March 19, 2025 at 09:14 PM

DH

*“ You are and will be missed. Didn't really get to know Steve until he moved home from Ontario and he for a young fella he had the coolest of of cars. That early 80 celica was it and he let me drive it to annapolis. He was someone to look up to he was always happy especially when he'd. Beat us at cards which we played frequently. Going to miss that happy jolly cousin I had in Steve.*

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**Dave halliday** - March 19, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JH

*“ RIP, Steve. :( Condolences to the family.*



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**Julie Henderson** - March 19, 2025 at 06:32 PM

CB

*“ Condolences to Steve's family. Ron and Connie Bohaker*

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**C Bohaker** - March 19, 2025 at 04:03 PM

EH

“ Valerie and I met Steve and his family in August of 2022 during our first visit to the Maritimes to meet and visit our Halliday family relatives. Despite this being our first visit, it felt like we were connecting with old friends. Steve and Sheila met us in downtown Annapolis Royal where we walked the seawall path together. Steve introduced me to Ian Lawrence as mentioned in the attached picture. Prior to our attending the Halliday family reunion Steve and Sheila showed us some of the historic sites such as the large historic rock with its inscriptions as well as old graveyards where we found historic relatives. We are so grateful that we had the opportunity to meet this very special person.



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**Erik Halliday** - March 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TM

“ As a senior belt member of Kyushu-Ryu Ju-Jitsu is where I met and practiced with Steve. I have to say he was one of the most solid members I've ever practiced with, very strong and very knowledgeable of the art and he always practiced with a smile on his face, he seemed to enjoy every minute of practice. He will be sorely missed. RIP Steve, your practice partner Tom Miller.

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**Tom Miller** - March 19, 2025 at 10:18 AM