



## Walter Roy Patrick ( Wally) Martin

June 19, 1944 - May 18, 2025

### Mr Walter Roy Patrick Martin (Wally) Obituary

It is with broken hearts that our family announces the passing of Walter (Wally) Martin Sr, May 18, 2025, at the Halifax Infirmary with family at his side. Born on June 19, 1944, Wally was the son of the late John and Ena (MacPherson) Martin. He is survived by his loving wife Carole Lynn (Pottie) of 57 years, sons Wally Jr. (Jennifer), Craig (Elizabeth), John-Paul (Stacey) and four grandchildren, Jake, Emma, Joshua and Jenna. He is survived by his brothers Kenny (Peggy), Bobby and sisters Carol, Ena (Wayne), Elizabeth Mason and Darlene Higginbotham, sister-in-law Gwen and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister Eileen, brothers Johnny and Billy, sister-in-law Marge, brothers-in-law Greg Martell, Barry Mason and Doug Oxner.

Wally was employed with Maritime Tel & Tel for 31 years where he retired as Business Services Manager. Some highlights of his career were managing the technicians who worked night and day preparing for the G7 Summit in 1995. He also managed the Papal visit of John-Paul II at the Halifax Commons. Both went off without a hitch. From the White House under then President Clinton, Wally was awarded the President's Summit Award and Certificate of Appreciation along with a gold White House medallion. After retirement he

worked 10 years at Sir Charles Tupper School as a lunch monitor. The kids adored him and he them. There were many grade four students who learned crib due to Wally's guidance and patience! Wally was a lifetime Detroit Red Wing's fan and Gordie Howe was his hockey hero. He loved golf and was very proud to achieve two holes in one!

Wally attended Oxford Street School and Saint Patrick's High. He loved sports, but especially hockey where he highly excelled as part of the Saint Pat's fighting Irish. While at Saint Pat's, he was team Captain for two seasons, Most Valuable Player twice and won two scoring titles. His hockey ability did not go unnoticed as he was invited to the New York Rangers try-out camp when there were only 6 teams in the NHL. However, as a teen, it was thought he was too young to leave home. His love of hockey was a life long passion and he spent many nights at the Halifax Forum with his buddies watching the Saint Mary's Huskies.

Wally met the love of his life at Saint Pat's, Carole (Pottie) Martin. They were happily married for 57 years, and he loved his three sons who gave him four wonderful grandchildren. He was a much-loved brother to his siblings and the Pottie family adored him from the time he married into the family. Everyone knew Wally as a quick-witted, life of the party guy who always had a joke to tell. He played Santa Claus for many years at family parties and sang his own version of Feliz Navidad. A big thank you to the care he was given at Parkland's London Hall. He left his mark with always playing Sweet Caroline.

Funeral will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, 6476 Bayers Rd. at 12 noon on Thursday, May 29, 2025. Reception to follow in the church hall.

# Tribute Wall



“ Carol so sorry to hear of Wally's passing. Bob Regimbal

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**Robert Regimbal** - May 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM