



## WAYNE DAVID GAY

July 10, 1944 - February 2, 2022

IT IS WITH PROFOUND SADNESS WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF WAYNE DAVID GAY, WHO DIED PEACEFULLY ON FEBRUARY 2, 2022, AT AGE 77, AT SAINT VINCENT'S NURSING HOME IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

HE WAS GOOD-NATURED, GRACIOUS AND VERY WELL-LIKED BY EVERYONE WHO MET HIM. WAYNE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF ALL HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH HAPPINESS AND LAUGHTER AS PROVEN BY THE TREMENDOUS OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND WELL-WISHES FROM SO MANY. WITH IMMENSE PRIDE, HE WATCHED HIS BELOVED FAMILY GROW TO INCLUDE A SON AND DAUGHTER (TIM AND TINA), A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW (TANYA), FOUR GRANDCHILDREN (COURTNEY, JESSICA, OLIVIA AND EVAN) AND A GREAT-GRANDCHILD (MARA). HE WAS AND STILL IS THE THREAD THAT KEEPS THE CONNECTION THROUGH HIS GRACE FOR OTHERS AND BOUNDLESS JOY OF MUSIC.

HE WAS BORN IN TUFT'S COVE, DARTMOUTH. NOVA SCOTIA ON 10 JULY 1944. THE SON OF FREDERICK AND MARGARET (HUBLEY) GAY. WAYNE HAD 14 BROTHERS AND SISTERS. SURVIVING ARE SISTERS SHARON. BONNY. AND DEBBIE. HE WAS PREDECEASED BY BROTHERS JACKIE, DAVID, CLARENCE AND FREDERICK AND SISTERS JUDITH MAE, MARGARET, JULIETTE, MARLENE, PAMMIE, DOLLY AND PATSY. HE

MARRIED MARY JUDITH BROWNRIGG IN DARTMOUTH IN 1965.

HE MANAGED THE SACKVILLE ARENA FOR YEARS AND THEN WORKED FOR THE HALIFAX COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT, FROM WHICH HE RETIRED. AMONG HIS LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE THE BUILDING OF A HOUSE IN LOWER SACKVILLE (WHILE ON LEAVE FROM WORK WITH A FULL LEG CAST) AND THEN ANOTHER ON COOK'S LAKE, MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT. YEARS LATER, HE FURTHER RETIRED TO LIFE ON THE BAY OF FUNDY IN ECONOMY, NOVA SCOTIA. VERY NOTABLY, HE WAS VICTORIOUS OVER HIS EARLY BATTLE WITH ALCOHOLISM, BOASTING SOBRIETY SINCE 1980 42 YEARS! HIS COURAGE AND WILLPOWER WERE DEEPLY ADMIRER BY HIS FAMILY.

HE LOVED COUNTRY LIVING AND SPENT MANY RETIREMENT YEARS WITH HIS WIFE, JUDY (MARY). IN ECONOMY, HE WAS SURROUNDED BY THE OCEAN AND HIS BOUNTIFUL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDENS. HE SHARED THEIR 20 ACRES OF LAND WITH WHATEVER ANIMALS LIVED NEARBY, WHETHER IT WAS HORSES WHO WOULD GRAZE IN THE FIELDS. DEER THAT WOULD EAT HIS APPLES, BIRDS THAT FEASTED ON THE GRAPES OR FOXES WHO JUST CAME BY FOR A VISIT. HE FOUND FULFILLMENT IN DISCOVERING NEW HIKES AND WATERFALLS, DAILY COFFEE DRIVES TO PARRSBORO WATERFRONT, AND TAKING HIS COMPANION AND BEST FRIEND, SHADOW, TO THE RIVERS AND BEACH.

HE LOVED SHARING HIS BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF THE WORLD WITH VISITORS. WHEN HE SAW YOU, HE HAD A WAY OF SMILING THAT IMMEDIATELY MADE YOU FEEL WELCOMED AND SHOWED HOW HAPPY HE WAS TO SEE YOU. HE CHOSE TO LEAD A SIMPLE LIFE AND IN THAT, HE STRUCK IT RICH. HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT FANCY JEWELRY AND CARS -JUST FANCY SUNSETS AND BEAUTIFUL RIVERS.

HE WAS A GIVER, NOT A TAKER.

HE LEFT A SPARKLING WINTER FOREST OF CRYSTAL WONDER TO ANNOUNCE HIS EXIT. HE DID IT HIS WAY. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HIS CARE GIVERS AT SAINT VINCENT'S NURSING HOME. THEY MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Judy just found out Iren had past away and in looking for info I seen that Wayne had past away as well. So sorry for your loss. Maxine past away this year as well. I guess we are at that age. But it is sad. Hope you are well. take care. Janet

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**Janet** - July 25, 2022 at 10:23 PM

YS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing--my condolences to his family. I did not know him very well or for very long--he was on the same floor as my mother at Saint Vincent's Nursing Home. I remember his family members, including Shadow coming to visit him often. He seemed like a lovely man.  
Yvette Scattolon

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**Yvette Scattolon** - February 11, 2022 at 03:06 PM

PS

Very saddened to hear the news of Wayne's passing . Please accept my sincere condolences .  
Patsy ( Elliott) Schultz .

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**Patsy Schultz** - February 14, 2022 at 07:03 PM