



Wilfred Arlen White

May 28, 2025

Wilfred Arlen White, affectionately known as Dad, Papa, Will, Willie, Wilf and Blue Guitar, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025, at the Victoria General Hospital. Born in Clementsport to the late Howard and Audrey White, Wilfred lived a full and meaningful life, defined by his love for family, community, music, and service. He is survived by his children, Andrew, Timothy, and Karen (Ralph); his sisters, Sheila and Sandra; and his companion, Jan. He was predeceased by his loving wife of over 50 years, Jean, his parents, as well as brother Wayne and sisters Donna and Roberta. Wilfred will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, brother and sister in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, bandmates, many friends and by all who had the good fortune to know him. His warm heart, quiet strength, and generous spirit touched everyone he met. Over the course of his life, Wilfred held many roles- from serving on peace keeping missions with the military, working at Dominion Grocery, Dalhousie University, and eventually retiring from the Atlantic Pilotage Authority. Known for his blue guitar, music was his greatest passion. Whether around a campfire, at a jamboree, or even in the bathroom, he was rarely without his guitar. A gifted musician, Wilfred was a proud member of The Bay Boys Band and enjoyed performing across Nova Scotia at festivals and community gatherings. He even recorded an album - something that brought him great joy. He found deep meaning in playing with others, always eager to share a song and a smile. Known as the great White hunter by nephews, Wilfred loved the outdoors-hunting, camping, and sharing those

experiences with family and friends especially the annual hunting trips back to the bus (Rolling Home). You will always be in our hearts, Wilfred, with your blue guitar strapped across your shoulder and a song ready to play. Until we meet again. A small service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you play an old country song that reminds you of him — a simple tribute to a man who found joy and connection through music.

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear of Wilfred’s passing. He was a great neighbour and a wonderful man.
Susan & Cal Jakeman

Susan & Cal Jakeman - September 05, 2025 at 05:21 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Wilfred’s passing. I first met Wilfred in 1985 when we both started as relief crew on the Halifax pilot boats. We worked many stormy nights together from then until Wilfred’s retirement. Twenty years ago I guess. Wilfred stayed on as many did as a relief deckhand again . As a launch master and as a Pilot from 1997-2021, I can say that I always enjoyed and appreciated Wilfred being there. He was loyal, honest, reliable humorous and pleasant. I have crossed his oath several times since my retirement in 2021. He was a good man and a good soul. I am glad to have known him.
Sincerely
Shaun DAUPHINEE
Retired Halifax Pilot

SHAUN DAUPHINEE - June 09, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ To Wilfreds children and to Jan offering my condolence. His sense of humor is one I will remember most,we had so many laughs over the years.Rest in peace Wilfred,you have earned it.

Sandy Pelley. - June 04, 2025 at 08:43 AM