



Kevin Leo Chisholm

July 16, 1940 - March 12, 2022

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Kevin Leo Chisholm, 81, of Barrachois, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2022, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, with family at his side.

Kevin was born in Antigonish on July 16, 1940, to Roderick Leo Chisholm and Irene Anne (O'Hearn) Chisholm. He was the eldest of six children. He grew up in Antigonish and attended St. Francis Xavier University and later the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS). He was proud to be a mechanical engineer; "an engineer," he said, "to a fault."

In 1966, he married Mary Osyany, whom he respected greatly. He felt deep appreciation for the many kindnesses she expressed and extended to him over the years. They raised six children, who filled Kevin with pride. Kevin worked as an engineer in New Brunswick and Quebec before moving to Cape Breton in 1973 to take a position at Sydney Steel. He eventually left the steel plant to pursue his own engineering interests, ranging from metallurgy to energy systems to aquaculture. He lived in Sydney and later moved to Barrachois. He loved spending time in the woods. He was an active member of the Boisdale community and always looked forward to the fun of putting together the Boisdale community firehall newsletter. He was well-known for his annual barbecue event and salmon-plank contest.

Kevin is survived by a large and loving family, including his six children, Daniel (Andrea) of Keswick Ridge, NB; Eric (Jennifer) of Quispamsis, NB ; Suzanne (Michael) of Sidney, BC; Lil of Boston, MA; Victor of Montreal, QC; and Martin (Erin) of Bellevue, WA; seven grandchildren, Kira, Katherine, Alexandra, Heather, Christopher, Violet and Hazel; his former wife, Mary Osyany of Sydney, NS; four siblings, Shaun Chisholm, Estelle Grajczyk, Jim Chisholm and Anne Gosse, along with their families, including numerous nieces and nephews; and several first cousins, including Marie MacDonald and Colleen Cameron. He also leaves behind many friends in the Barrachois/ Boisdale community, as well as his dear friend, Ursula Dufour. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Leo, and his younger sister, Eileen.

The family expresses deep gratitude to Dr. Rajbir Pahil and the nurses and staff at the Cape Breton Cancer Centre, as well as Dr. Anne Frances d'Intino and the other doctors, nurses and staff in the Palliative Care program at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital for the extraordinary care given to Kevin.

A celebration of life and burial will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, Kevin suggested donations to the Palliative Care unit at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital.

Tribute Wall

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“ Good morning Kevin..... or at least the family of Kevin and those that love him. I am so sorry to read of your passing Kevin. For months now I have missed our calls that we have made for more than 15 years. I remember first meeting you on the online aquaponics list and then we kept meeting on different lists all over the internet, in the biochar group, and the charcoal list and then we realized that we were from two different countries but probably came from the same Village of thought and mind! We would share technical information and innovations..and shoot the breeze on diverse topics.

I have been ringing your Skype link and it kept showing that you were on just a few hours ago, so I kept hope that all was well but a few days ago something said to me why not Google his name in the global internet and see what comes up. You can imagine my sorrow to find this page, and to realize that you have gone my friend. It was very interesting to have learned about you and your family all the way from here in the Caribbean. I learned so much from you and your engineering experience and I was glad to share a lot of my knowledge with you as well in the things that interested you. I learned about everything from making muddy roads tough to kombucha to biochar, to Pond creation from you over the years. I learned secrets about carbon and calcium, and even how to remove calcifications in my bones from you. You were a Powerhouse of engineering knowledge. Every time we spoke we passed information frenetically and it was always a joy to have and to hold conversations with you. As I look over my phone history and Skype history I realize last time we spoke was for hours and that your questions were more about the "hereafter". I remember speaking to you about God and his love for mankind and for the need for man to be right with his Maker. What I didn't know however was the extent to which you were ill. I am so glad to read that you were surrounded by your family at your passing. I remember stories of fun and laughter and of unique engineering things that the average mind didn't know. You are the one who told me about the trade in liquor room to be exact from Jamaica to Nova Scotia and the fact that the Nova scotians would send down salted fish for us which indeed has

become our national dish here in Jamaica. The origination of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Jamaica was because of those early traders who wanted to send back money safely. I was schooled by you in so many different ways not just in engineering topics but in many things that would impact life. I remember when I was in Toronto with my wife and losing a baby, I remember speaking to you many a night and us talking through possibilities and options. I remember you introducing me to a fellow Jamaican who up to this week called me. I know him because of you. At the time I didn't even know that there was somebody else in Jamaica who was interested in gasification. You were the one who sold them that gasifier. You were always out there with your thoughts about sustainability of this Earth. I remember the gratitude you had as we spoke that last time about making peace with your maker and I sincerely pray that you would have done business with God and made peace with him before your passing. I am truly happy to know that you are no longer in any pain or suffering and I am immensely relieved to know that you are not unhappy stuck somewhere in a nursing home. It was very distressing for me not to know how to contact you. I remember many years ago when we lost contact once finding an obscure number on a website for your office and getting back in touch with you..that day where we both were so happy that we spoke for hours. Thank you God for giving me Kevin to have shared my life Journey with him I pray peace for his family who is missing him and has had to process the loss of having him. May peace be with them and his progeny and their children. Mike Barnett, techiejamaica@gmail.com, Jamaica

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