



Malcolm Joseph "Malkie" Nemis

November 9, 1938 - February 2, 2022

It is with saddened but full and thankful hearts that we the family announce the peaceful passing of Malcolm "Malkie" Joseph Nemis of New Waterford, on February 2, 2022, in the Palliative Care Unit, of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, with his wife Anna by his side.

Born in New Waterford he was the son of the late James "Cookie" and Catherine (MacDonald) Nemis. Malkie was a Faithful Catholic and spent time as a board member at Mount Carmel Parish, New Waterford.

Malkie was a proud graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1960. Later achieving his Master of Education.

While in university he obtained a permissive license to teach grades 4-6 at Arisaig School, Antigonish.

He then returned to Cape Breton to begin his long career as teacher, vice principal, and principal. Malkie encouraged and guided all his students, believing that no one should be deprived of an education. He was instrumental in shaping the school systems of Arisaig, Miners Memorial and Mount Carmel schools.

During the following years programs of adjusted and special classes known as the Joy Program were started and subjects were taught. Malkie encouraged and guided these students and was instrumental in keeping many a boy or girl in school that would otherwise be deprived of a rightful place in a good educational setup.

He was groundbreaking in the first extracurricular studies in these schools, obtaining grants to fund sports, art, music, and drama, Encouraging the community to come together and support these programs and the students. He was also the night school administrator for many years.

Sports were also a huge part of Malkie's life. He enjoyed watching and playing, Hockey, Baseball, and golf with a notable accomplishment of 2 registered "hole in one" during his winters in Florida.

His heart was most happy when the family would spend time out "Daland " in George's River.

Heaven's gardens will never look so good with Malkie tending the rows. He took great pride and spent countless hours in his garden, readying himself for the gardens in God's kingdom one day.

You could also find him picking various berries around the property, tinkering, fixing, building, enjoying many sun-soaked hours by the water. Later he could be found asleep in his chair in the cabin while a game of baseball or hockey would watch him "rest" with his granddaughter Tara close by waiting for her chance at the remote.

Together Malkie and Anna built a beautiful life. Their hard work and dedication to each other and their family gave a wonderful platform for their children to build a life, and pass it on to their own families. Spending time in New Waterford and George's River, and in their later years their winters in Florida attributed to so many amazing memories and stories shared between them, Family and Friends.

Malkie is survived by his wife of 61 years, the love of his life, Anna (Pembroke), his daughter Charlene (Terry) Bates, sons Joey (Cindy), Blair (Annemarie), and Malcom (Tina), 11 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by his sisters, Shirley (Archie MacIntyre) and Lynn (Jim Newman); and brothers, James (Emily), Denis, Colin 'Nick' and Cyril (Raylene).

Besides his parents he is predeceased by a daughter in infancy Mary Theresa, Sisters in law Shirley, Jessie, and Eileen. He is also recently

predeceased by his close friends Yogi Muise and Fraser White, The three “Fathers of George’s River” who built the log cabins by hand milling and cutting every log themselves.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the angels at the Palliative Care Unit at the CBRH .

Donations in Malkies memory can be made to the Hospice/ Palliative Care Unit.

Cremation has taken place, a Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, May 14th at St. Leonard Catholic Church, 3180 Mt. Carmel Ave., New Waterford.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sydney Creamatorium.

Online condolences may be sent to their webpage at www.sydneycremation.ca.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY **14**. 10:00 AM (AST)

St. Leonard Catholic Church
3180 Mt. Carmel Avenue
New Waterford, NS (CA)

Tribute Wall

JL

“ was my fellow teacher and principal at mount carmel . Became friends over the years and sadly the news of his passing was very heart breaking to hear

john lynk - February 11, 2022 at 06:45 AM

DD

“ I only knew Malkie for a short number of years, but he was one of those special people that quickly slip in to your heart and stay there forever. Malkie and Anna welcomed me in to their Florida home with open arms and an ever ready joke or story. We spent many times gathered for food and friendship and sat around their dining room table listening to the many tales of Malkie and Gregor. My heart is saddened at Malkie's passing, but I rejoice in knowing he now tends God's gardens. May me meet again one day.
My condolences to Anna, the family and his dear friends Gregor and Selica.
Debbie Davis

Debra Davis - February 10, 2022 at 02:13 PM

SF

“ Anna and family,

We were very saddened to hear of Malkie's passing. Being neighbors we have many happy memories of our childhood days involving both our families. Always a smile and a big hello whenever we crossed paths in later years.
Take care of one another during these difficult days. Love and prayers to you all.
The Selvet family

Selvet family - February 08, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DM

“ *My condolences to the Nemis family. I remember helping haul those logs from across the river many years ago.*
David McCormick, Georges River

David McCormick - February 08, 2022 at 03:38 PM

RI

“ *Sincere condolences to the Nemis family. So very sorry for your loss.*
- Richelle (Wilcox) Gillett

Richelle - February 07, 2022 at 09:59 PM

TM

“ *Tom has wonderful memories of Malkie's quick wit and the camaraderie they shared during the BEC years. The many laughter filled times we shared as couples are also unforgettable gifts.*
Heartfelt condolences, Anna. Rest easy Malkie.
Tom & Eleanor Murphy

Tom & Eleanor Murphy - February 07, 2022 at 09:40 PM

GR

“ *Charlene+Terry,*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
Keep those wonderful memories close during the challenging days,
weeks and months ahead. Sincerely,
Donnie + Genevieve Richardson

Genevieve Richardson - February 07, 2022 at 05:34 PM

LS

“ Dear Aunt Anna and cousins,
May you find peace and comfort knowing that our loss here on earth
is Heavens gain.
Aunt Anna you and Uncle Malkie were always such a joy to be with.
I treasure the memories of time spent in Florida and on Georges
River.
You know that Uncle Malkie is up there in Heaven with his Brother
in laws, sitting on the waters edge swapping stories about their
beautiful Pembroke girls they had the fortune to spend time with.
We will all be reunited again someday and what a party it will
be. Until then may you all have the comfort and grace only God can
give.
Love Lili Lou(from Tennessee)

Lillian Scott - February 07, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JN

“ Anna, Charlene, Joey, Blair, Malcolm and families,

On behalf of Crissy and our entire family, we send our deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved Malkie.

Our families have so many fond memories of shared times together. Malkie and the Nemis family made George's River such a welcoming and joyful place. Probably nothing better in this world than enjoying the delicious treats Malkie and the Muise's created in the garden, or discussing the days accomplishments and reminiscing old times by an evening fire.

Malkie was like a second father to the White clan. He was always there to offer guidance and lend a helping hand. He will be dearly missed by so many, including all of the White's and their families.

May he Rest In Peace

Crissy, Cathy and Colin, Paul and Ann Marie, Danny and Joanna, and our families.

Joanna Nemis-White - February 07, 2022 at 08:38 AM



AK

“ Joey, Cindy and Family: Sending sincere condolences on the passing of your father. Today and always may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Angela Kieley - February 07, 2022 at 07:36 AM

AS

“ Aunt Anna, Charlene Terry , Joey Cindy , Blair Anne Marie , Malcolm and Tina . What a great loss for you all . Cape Breton won't be the same without you uncle Malkie . You have always been my favourite uncle and I will cherish all the beautiful memories our families made together over the years. Love and prayers to you all at this very difficult time . 💜

ada smith - February 06, 2022 at 09:46 PM

CA

“ Aunt Anna, Charlene, Joe, Blair, Malcolm, and family. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. There are so many wonderful memories of spending time with you. Uncle Malkie was always up for a good time with family.
Love and prayers
Carmel Pendlebury Andrews

Carmel - February 06, 2022 at 05:27 PM

TR

“ May God be with you Anna and your family during these sad times
Therese Rich

Therese Rich - February 06, 2022 at 02:17 PM

DC

“ Deepest Sympathy to the Nemis Family. Malkie was always good to us, even in my very young years breaking windows as his most favorite little neighbor. I was shocked to hear of Malkies passing and wish you all healing and comfort at this tough time.

Darrell Chiasson - February 06, 2022 at 02:11 PM

DL

“ Anna and family our sincere condolence , I was Malkie’s golf cart buddy for over 10 years while in Florida and was with him when he got the hole in ones (what a day) I will treasure the pictures and memories I have forever Gold Bless You Malk and Rest In Peace.
Dale and Grace

Dale. Lesch - February 06, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RB

“ Anna, and family, our sincere condolences The times we visited in Florida always left us with fond memories of your hospitality and kindness, oh yeah, and Malkie’s quick wit.
RIP

Bob and Barb Butler Hugs

Robert Butler - February 06, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malcolm Joseph "Malkie" Nemis.



February 06, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CR

“ Cindy Joey and all, my heart and thoughts are with you all during this terribly sad time. Sending hugs and our deepest condolences. I know how much he meant to everyone.

Charlotte & Jeff

Charlotte Ross - February 06, 2022 at 08:53 AM

PM

“ Aunt Anna, Joey/ Cindy, Blair/ AnnMarie, Charlene/Terry, Malcolm/Tina and all the kids. Sending you love, peace and strength in the days to come. Uncle Malkie you are going to be missed beyond words!! I'm so glad My family and I got down to Florida to see you and Aunt Anna before Covid. I love you all so much! Rest easy my favourite Uncle.

Patti McLean - February 05, 2022 at 08:56 PM

TP

“ Aunt Anna Charlene Joe Blair Malcolm
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
We didn't get together often but it was always memorable.
Tanya Jennifer and I traveled out in 1980 after we were married and again in 2000 for the Pembroke reunion. Marie always had amazing stories of her brothers and sisters.
God bless
Ted and Tanya Pendlebury

Ted Pendlebury - February 05, 2022 at 08:51 PM

GD

“ Sorry to hear that Malkie has passed.I played hockey with Malkie back in the 80s.HE Was very competitive and quite a defenseman.We called him and Gregor McPherson the Hanson Brothers because they both wore the same eyeglasses.He certainly will be missed.RIP

greg desrosiers - February 05, 2022 at 06:55 PM

LW

“ Our sincere condolences to Malkie's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Layne and Joslynn White - February 05, 2022 at 03:12 PM

SR

“ Anna and family...Simon and I send our deepest condolences to you. We we're very shocked to hear of his passing. We know all the good memories you have will get you through this hard time. May he RIP.

Simon & Roberta(Bobby)White - February 05, 2022 at 01:14 PM

BP

“ Sending most sincere condolences to all. What a thoughtful and lovely obituary of a life well lived and admired by many. May he Rest In Peace.

Beth Pembroke - February 05, 2022 at 12:28 PM

RS

“ Audrey and I had the honour of having Malkiie as principal at Miners Memorial . He was a straight shooter and always had his colleagues' backs. You always knew where he stood on educational issues. He was a credit to his profession. Ray and Audrey Stapleton

Ray Stapleton - February 05, 2022 at 12:02 PM

CA

AuntAnna, Charlene, Joe, Blair, Malcolm and family
My heart goes out to you at this very difficult time. There are so many wonderful memories of Uncle Malkie.

Love and prayers
Carmel Pendlebury Andrews

Carmel - February 05, 2022 at 06:49 PM

HN

“ *Malkie was definitely one of the good guys. He was the beginning of a new generation of educators modelling fairness and equity in his interactions with both students and staff members. Sober second thought with an undertone of kindness and humor- he leaves behind an incredible legacy in the lives of so very many who knew and loved him. Hugs to you all.*

*Helen (Desveaux) Neufeld
Grande Prairie, AB*

Helen Neufeld - February 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM

BF

“ *Anna, Charlene, Joey, Blair, Malcolm and families I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Brian, Leslie, Jamie and Alex Fraser Darlings Island NB.*

Brian Fraser - February 05, 2022 at 11:31 AM

LM

“ *Another of our Florida friends gone but never forgotten.
Condolences to his family & friend*

louise McPherson - February 05, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JD

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Malkie , He was my teacher in grade 8 and in High School.. He was also the principal of Mount Carmel when I taught there. I remember him as outgoing and friendly with a ready smile and a quick wit. He was also a very talented hockey player. He will be missed.*

John Donovan

john donovan - February 05, 2022 at 11:14 AM

AK

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. This is so unbelievably sad.
Rest in place my dear godfather, uncle Malkie. Thank you for loving me unconditionally! I will always miss you and keep you in my heart. AnnaB



Anne Berit Klinge - February 05, 2022 at 10:53 AM

TL

“ My sincere condolences. Malkie was such a lovely man. Lots of good memories at the cabin in Georges River. He was very kind and very witty. Lots of laughs when he was around. R.I.P. Malkie.

Tom Leadbeater - February 05, 2022 at 10:49 AM

PP

“ Dear Aunt Anna, Charlene, Joey, Blair, Malcolm and your families. Very saddened to learn of Malkie's passing. Sending condolences and prayers. Malkie always had the best interests of everyone in mind, may God Bless him and keep him.

Paddy and Helen Pembroke

Patrick Pembroke - February 05, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ *Anna and family*

There are no words we can offer to lessen the pain of the loss of your precious Malkie. My memories of him are filled with smiles, kindness and beauty. You two were such a gorgeous couple of kids when I first met you and inspired me in so many good ways. May you find some peace in knowing how happy his Mom is to have him back and in knowing how precious you were to him. Hugs all around. Beth and Bernie Boudreau

Beth Boudreau - February 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM

KC

“ *My deepest condolences to the Nemis family on your loss of Malkie, my thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*



Kendra Coombes - February 05, 2022 at 10:19 AM

AM

“ *So sorry to read of your loss, a fine man. My father thought the world of him!*

Aleah MacNeil - February 05, 2022 at 09:59 AM

GW

“ *Sincere condolence to the Nemis family - he was an awesome educator and visionary - my Parents were the first starters of the Joy Program and believe me they started with nothing but donations of yarn and craft material but with the help of Malkie it soon grew to the excelent program it was. RIP*

Grace White - February 05, 2022 at 09:19 AM

MM

*My Sincere Condolences to you all. He was a lovely man.
Rip. Michele Carrigan (Mackinnon)*

michele mackinnon - February 05, 2022 at 09:31 AM

DM

Dear Anna and family,so sorry to hear of your loss.My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Donna MacMaster - February 05, 2022 at 12:51 PM

NC

Sincere condolences for the loss of Malkie and all in my prayers

Nina (Caverzan) Chemello - February 06, 2022 at 04:51 PM

BR

*“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Malkie, a fine man and a dedicated educator. I had the privilege of being a staff member when Malkie was at Breton Education Centre, and wish to honor the many fine qualities of his character. May God be with you in your time of grief.
Louis and Barbara Ruelland*



Barbara Ann Ruelland - February 05, 2022 at 09:15 AM

GG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Nemis family on their loss of Malkie.Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

GabeAnd Linda Gazzola - February 05, 2022 at 07:48 AM

DA

“ I was so saddened by the passing of Uncle Malkie as i called him, but glad i had the pleasure of a little chat back in December. My condolences go out to Anna, Charlene, Joey, Blair and Malcome may your Dad and Husband Rest In Peace!!!

David - February 05, 2022 at 07:45 AM

EM

“ I was so stunned to hear of Malkie's passing, My heartfelt condolences to Anna and all your children and to your brothers and sisters, Malkie was such a fine gentleman in every respect, Such a fine and decent man, I pray our good God comforts you as only He can and someone said long ago and i never forgot it,, They said,, Only a veil separates us from those we love and have gone on ahead of us,,,, and I believe that's true, In my heart and in my prayers and may the God Malkie believed in so much, comfort uou sll, Sincerely, Betha

Elizabeth Betha MacInnis - February 05, 2022 at 12:06 AM

MF

Please accept our sincere condolences to Anna and the entire Nemis family. We were shocked to hear of Malkie's untimely death. It does not seem logical or fair that he should pass so quickly. Malkie was loved and admired by everyone who took the time to know him. Sincerely, Aileen and Melin Flynn

melin and aileen flynn - February 05, 2022 at 12:46 PM

AI

Our sincere condolences to Anna and children and to brothers and sisters .I played hockey with Malkie for years the New Victoria Eagles ,he was a good on defense .Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time .R.I.P..Alex & Deanna ..

Alex & Deanna Mac Isaac - February 06, 2022 at 09:07 AM

IS

Anna & family, so sorry to hear of Malkie's passing. He was always a joy to share precious gatherings together. I loved sleeping on the log bed he built at your cabin.(Have pictures).

I was in awe at this gardening skills. He was the very best. We will miss the fun times in Florida. He was a fantastic, fun loving guy and friend, We all grieve for the loss of this remarkable Malkie. May he rest in Peace.

iris S & Lorane Ga.

iris souza - February 07, 2022 at 02:59 PM

BC

Anna and family. So very sorry to hear of Malkie's passing. He was such a gracious and welcoming person. Bev (Tortola) and Barry Campbell

Bev/Barry Campbell - February 08, 2022 at 12:38 PM

BD

My condolences to Anna and family on the passing of Malkie. I first met Malkie upon the opening of BEC. I was a new teacher and Malkie was a key member of the school's leadership team. It was obvious that he enjoyed the respect of the entire community and all who worked with him. Malkie had many positive attributes and some that I recall were: practical, hard working, kind and a keen sense of humour. He was a person of great character, always with the best interests of students at heart.

May memories comfort and sustain you at this difficult time.

Brian P. Dwyer

Brian P. Dwyer - February 08, 2022 at 02:50 PM

LC

Mackie was a wonderful person and a very talented and committed educational leader. He severed as my Principal for a number of years at Mount Carmel, during the early part of my teaching career. He was a straight shooter who had his students at heart. He was sports minded and would go out of his way to provide those opportunities for his students. He was also a champion for all special needs students. I'm very saddened to hear of Mackie's passing as it was just 2 months ago that I had a nice conversation with at the rink. My sincere condolences to the family. Mackie will be missed.

Lowell Cormier

Lowell Cormier - February 09, 2022 at 02:50 AM

CS

Blair & Family~~My deepest sympathy on learning of your father's passing. Know that others are thinking of you all during this difficult time. Carol Ann Sheppard-Taylor

Carol Ann Sheppard - February 11, 2022 at 09:35 AM

LK

Anna and family. Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Lydia (Tortola) Keller

Lydia Keller - February 15, 2022 at 10:33 AM