



Randy Near

September 19, 1949 - June 9, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Randall (Randy) Alfred Near announces his passing on June 9th, 2020. Randy was born September 19, 1949 and passed while in the Inverness Cape Breton Hospital.

Randy will be lovingly remembered by his mother, Lucille Near, of Margaree Centre, Cape Breton; brother Ron (Peggy) Near of Meridian Beach, Alberta and sister Cindy (Jeff) Hart of Margaree Center, Cape Breton; nieces and nephews, Lindsey (Jan), Logan (Melissa), Mandy, Mark (Laura), Wade (Eve), Brandi (Mike); great nephews Ares, Avry, Oliver & Daniel; great nieces Ainslea, Lucy, Rylea, Alexis, Harlow, Kylie and Claire.

Randy was predeceased by his infant sister, Cynthia Marie Near, partner's Theodore (Teddy) Tobin and Michael J. Brown, and his father Ronald George Near.

Growing up in Shearwater, NS, Randy was very active in all sports. He was an elite member of the Shearwater Bluefins swim club specializing in the breaststroke and twice representing the club at the Canadian National Swim Trials.

Randy attend Graham Creighton High School where he was twice named the "Athlete of the Year". Upon graduation he briefly attended Dalhousie University before beginning a long career in the hospitality industry working primarily in Halifax, NS., New York City and more recently in Cape Breton. He spent many years volunteering for AIDS organisations and was active on the Board of Directors of the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton.

He was a passionate Toronto Maple Leaf fan, antique collector and news junkie. Randy will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and colleagues.

Donations in memory may be made to the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ so sorry to hear about Randy
DAVID ELAINE AND FAMILY

DAVID - June 12, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JM

“ So very sorry to hear this news. It was always a pleasure to work with Randy. He kept us laughing even through the most stressful shifts. I will miss our conversations at work. Sending healing prayers to his family and friends.

Jennifer Morrison - June 12, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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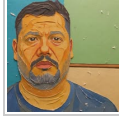
“ Soo sorry to hear of Randy's passing, he was a great guy and will be missed

laura fortune - June 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JS

I am so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. Although we were not close friends, I will always remember the fun we had hanging out at GCHS, at sporting events together and pushing that little car of his up hills when we couldn't quite make it over. I will remember him as an elite athlete and one of my friends. Rest in peace my friend

Jan (Jamieson) Switzer - June 12, 2020 at 01:21 PM



My favorite memory of Randy was when we made beef wellington in our apartment in Queens. We I say we, but it was him and Anderson that made it. They spent all day in our kitchen cooking up a storm for a half hour of pleasure. That's just him in a nutshell... There were many other memories but that one's my favorite. I will miss our telephone talks every 3 weeks, and we were hoping to come see you again in the Spring, so glad we finally made it up there last year to see you one last time. I'm going to miss you dear friend, till we meet again...

Jose Romero - June 12, 2020 at 02:13 PM

VE

I was on the Bluefin Swim Club with him . He was such an inspiration to all of the younger swimmers Always helping out where he could. Kept me out of trouble many times. Good memories. Veronica (Jamieson) Lewis

Veronica - June 12, 2020 at 06:54 PM

SH

I spent many days at the Shearwater pool with Randy. He had so much energy and wonderful team spirit. The Shearwater Bluefins were a better team with Randy on board. Many blessings and peace to Mrs. Near, Ron, Cindy and families.

Sharon White-Breen

Sharon - June 14, 2020 at 11:02 AM