

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Joseph Alexander MacKinnon**  
**January 16, 1932 – February 12, 2021**



It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of our beloved father at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Born in Sydney, he was the son of the late Margaret Steele and Andrew Clarke and raised by his adoptive parents Mary Jane & Daniel MacKinnon.

At the age of 18, he went to work at Maritime Tel & Tel where he was employed for the next 37 years. In 1958, he married his first wife Marina and settled in Westmount where they raised their 3 children. Through the years, our father treasured every moment spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It was an especially proud family moment when, at the age of 51, our father received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University College of Cape Breton.

After suffering the 2nd of two heart attacks (at ages 52 and 55), he bounced back stronger than ever and began an active, fulfilling 34-year retirement. He started a walking routine that kept him in great shape to his last day, including as a member and Past President of the Cape Breton Hoppers walking club. He was also a long-time member of the Seaview Golf & Country club, a past member of the Memory Lane Singers and was one of the longest-serving volunteer teachers of the Christopher Leadership Course in Canada (37 years).

Pa was the unofficial king of crossword puzzles & Scrabble, a voracious reader, loved sports and great music, and had a terrific sense of humour. He shared the last 18 years of his life side-by-side with Elsie, who added the glow to his golden years. They were always on the go - from weekly dates at Kay's Kozy Korner, hanging out with the Saturday brunch gang at local eateries, and walking adventures with the CB Hoppers to travelling the four corners of the globe on spectacular trips. Our father was everything one would want & hope for in a father, husband, son, brother, colleague and neighbour. We are truly blessed and grateful to have had him in our lives for so long. May he now rest in peace.