



Obituary

**Blanche 'Marie'
(McNamara) Cogswell**
Evanston, NS

Blanche Marie (McNamara) Cogswell was born at home in Evanston on June 25, 1934, the fifth of eight children of the late Andrew Gregory and Cecilia (Poirier) McNamara. She spent her entire life in Evanston, where she married Joseph Alexander Cogswell "Alex", her husband of nearly 40 years. Together, they raised four children in the close-knit community they loved, surrounded by family and lifelong friends.

Although Marie was not an avid traveler, she enjoyed family trips to Ontario with Alex in their younger years. She devoted countless hours to the family store and enjoyed playing bingo and attending card games. A passionate sports fan, she could often be found watching a game at the ballfield in Lower River or cheering on her favourite hockey team, the Boston Bruins, from home.

In her later years, Marie faced the challenges of dementia with the same quiet strength and resilience that characterized her life. While the disease gradually changed many things, it never diminished the love she had for her family or the special place she held in their hearts. Her family treasures memories of her strength and resiliency, especially in the last years of her life.

Marie was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Alex; her sisters, Marguerite, Della (Jack) Proctor, and Pauline (Laughlin) Proctor; her brothers, Raymond (Valerie), Donald (Pauline), Theodore (Sarah), and Francis McNamara; and her granddaughter, Jolene Boudreau.

She is survived by her four children, Elaine Cook (Richard) of Whiteside; Andrew Cogswell of Evanston; Ernie Cogswell of Evanston and Raymond (Anne) Cogswell of Port Hawkesbury. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Carla (Boudreau) Arsenaault (Doug) of Sydney River, Scott Boudreau (Nicole) of Fall River, Julie Boudreau (Ryan) of Fall River, Andre Boudreau (Dilcia) of Edmonton, Carrie Cogswell (Chris) of Country Harbour, Stephen Cogswell of Sampsonville, Jillian (Cogswell) Marchand (Joel) of Petit de Grat, Greg Cogswell (Jennifer) of Port Hawkesbury, and Brett Cogswell (Emily) of Port Hawkesbury.

Marie was blessed with 20 great-grandchildren, many of whom will fondly remember how she would sneak them cookies and treats. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Shirley McNamara and Monica McCarthy, former son-in-law Gary Boudreau, former daughter-in-law Stephanie Brophy, and many nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

The family extends its heartfelt thanks to the staff and volunteers at St. Anne's Centre in Arichat, where Marie spent the final years of her life. Their compassionate care, patience, and kindness throughout her journey with dementia brought comfort not only to Marie but also to her family, and their support will always be deeply appreciated.

Visitation was held 6-8 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, 724 Granville St., Port Hawkesbury. Funeral mass was held 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church, 17 Church Rd., Lower River Inhabitants with Father Duncan MacIsaac officiating. Burial followed St. Patrick's Cemetery, 1621 Whiteside Rd., Whiteside. A reception will follow in Riverside Community Centre, 106 Vince MacCarthy Dr., Lower River Inhabitants.

Memorial donations in memory of Blanche may be made to St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund, Whiteside. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com

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Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

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Sundays at 10am St. Lawrence
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Stella Maris Pastoral Unit, Isle
Madame. St. Joseph Parish, Petit
de Grat - Saturdays at 4:00pm
[alternating language French one
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of Assumption, Arichat - Sundays
at 10:00am [alternating language
English one week; bilingual [E/F]
the next]

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Church Office 902-625-2229
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Obituary

Steven Michael Hillier
Aug. 2, 1956 – Sept. 28, 2026

It is with profound sadness that the family of Steven Michael "Steve" Hillier announces his passing at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, on Monday, September 28, 2026, at the age of 70.

Born on August 2, 1956, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Steve was the son of the late Jack and Verona (Boudreau) Hillier.

Steve leaves behind his two children, Nicholas (Tracy Huot) Hillier of Montreal, Quebec, and Jennifer Hillier (Tim Caldwell) of Athabasca, Alberta. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Lucas, Logan and Aila Hillier of Montreal, who held a very special place in his heart.

He is also survived by his siblings, Debra (Mark) Cooper, Brad (Cheri) Hillier and Joy (Vaughn) Resch, as well as his nephews, Uriah, Oakley, Todd, Ben, Dylan and Jake. Steve's family was an important part of his life, and the memories, laughter and stories they shared with him will be treasured for years to come.

Steve was an avid golfer and loved nothing more than getting out on the golf course, particularly when he could share a round with his brother Brad and brother-in-law Vaughn. There were many good days, good laughs and, no doubt, a few stories that grew better with every retelling.

For the past 20 years, Steve made his home in Athabasca, Alberta, where he formed friendships that became much more like family. Wanda and Marvin Doerkson and Greg Turpin and Crystal Burger, were among those very special people who always had his back. The family would especially like to acknowledge Wanda Doerkson, whose friendship, kindness and unwavering support helped Steve through some of the most difficult days of his cancer treatments. Her care and presence meant more than words can adequately express. We cannot in this lifetime thank her enough.

A talented carpenter, Steve was a man who knew how to build things with his own hands. Over the years, he crafted some pieces of furniture and built decks and garages on his property, taking pride in a job well done. He was also a proud and dedicated union member, spending approximately 50 years with the Carpenters Union, beginning in Nova Scotia and then in the Carpenters Union Local 1325 out of Edmonton AB where he worked primarily in the scaffolding trade for almost 34 yrs.

Those who knew Steve will remember his sense of humour, his generosity and his love of watching just about any sport on television. Perhaps most of all, his family and friends will remember his birthday phone calls. Steve had a way of remembering those special days and making sure the people he cared about knew he was thinking of them. Those calls will be especially missed.

Steve lived his life in his own way, surrounded by people who loved him and friends who stood beside him when he needed them most. His passing leaves an empty place in the lives of those who knew him, but it also leaves behind a lifetime of stories, laughter and memories that will continue to be shared.

Cremation has taken place in Edmonton, and Steve's remains have been returned home to Nova Scotia.

Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate Steve's life on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 47 in Grand Anse, Nova Scotia. (6834 Hwy #4.). Refreshments will be served as those who knew and loved Steve come together to remember him, share stories and celebrate a life well lived.

A burial of Steve's ashes will take place at a later date at the cemetery in Louisdale, Nova Scotia next to his parents and an entire family of aunts, uncles and cousins

Steve will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered and never forgotten.

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PETER R.
MACKENZIE**
AUG. 24, 1923
OCT. 23, 1999

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Father is something that
Always lives on.
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memories,
Long after his
Presence is gone.
You can still feel the warmth
Of his care,
His wisdom will
Never depart,
For the love of a
Wonderful father,
Forever lives in your heart.
Loving and kind
In all his ways,
Upright and just
To the end of his days,
Sincere and kind in
Heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory
He left behind.
A wonderful man,
not rich or proud
Merrily one of the
working crowd.
Pulling and striving
day by day,
Facing whatever came his way.
A smile for all and a
heart of gold.
One of the best the world
would hold.
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*Sadley missed
and never forgotten
Love, Mom and Dad
Carolyn, Dave & family
Warren, Claudia & family
Dave & Family
Henry, Steve & Family*

MEMORIAM



**In Loving Memory of
PETER
MACKENZIE**
Aug. 24, 1923 – Oct. 23, 1999

God gave us our father,
And He tried to be fair,
And when He gave us ours,
We got more than our share.
Although He took him back
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We are so grateful for
The years He let him stay.

*Loving daughter
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