

Christopher John Tilley

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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Christopher John Tilley. Chris was born in Halifax on March 18, 1960 and peacefully passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 with his mother Anne and daughter Keelin lovingly at his side. No matter what path Chris ventured on in life, it was his mother who always stood beside him with unconditional love and support. Chris had a special gift to make people feel loved and happy. He was a gentle and kind-hearted man who helped people with compassion, generosity, and dignity. Chris' pride and joy were his children, Brinley, Matthew and Keelin, and his life with Mary Jayne on Arlington Avenue. He coached the boys' hockey teams and would get up early every day to take Keelin to the pool. Their summers were full of happy memories at the MacDuff cottage on Lake Mushamush. Chris loved tucking them in, took pride in watching them grow and when life took him away, it was the love for his family that brought him back. Chris grew up on Cherry Street; he hated eating vegetables, loved junk food, barbeques, listening to music and was a devoted Steelers fan. He was a natural athlete, loved to play basketball, pool and golf and when he was young, played baseball and hockey. Chris loved babies, often rocking them for hours with a big peaceful smile on his face. He was the favorite uncle who would buy you anything you wanted at the corner store. Chris graduated from Dalhousie with a Bachelor of Commerce and started to work at A1 Auto Body with his father Lloyd, uncle Al and aunt Yvonne. He was a good friend to his employees and their families. Chris was a natural entertainer who will be missed by his loyal friends at Ashburn Golf Club, Vimy Legion, Cue Sport Nova Scotia, Blue Goose and Phi Delta Theta. Chris will be lovingly remembered by his children, Brinley (Melissa), Matthew (Shannon) and Keelin; grandchildren, Reid, Blair and Sloane; mother, Anne; father, Lloyd (deceased); siblings, David (Lynn), Susan (John), Jennifer (Steven) and Andy; nieces, Elaine, Alex, Lauren, Elizabeth, Faith and Madison; and nephews, Sascha, Ben, Dawson, Istvan, Julian, Tristen and Cade. Chris' last wish for those who loved him was to be happy and to celebrate the goodness in his life. Chris was a man who lived his life for others never asking for anything in return. It will be hard to imagine life without Chris Tilley. Chris' family would like to thank Halifax Hospice, the V.G. Site Palliative Care Unit and Kathy Kays for their care and support. A family burial service will take place this summer in Robinsons, N.L. Friends who wish to remember Chris with a memorial donation may consider the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Atlantic Division or Saint George's Round Church. Together, let's raise a glass to Christopher Tilley. May he soar with the wind to a place of freedom and peace and may we all continue to honour his

love by being kind and caring about others.

