



## Dr. Kenneth Arthur MacKinnon (Ken)

February 17, 1939 - December 02, 2025

Ken passed away peacefully Tuesday under the exceptional & compassionate care of the palliative care unit at the QEII Hospital in Halifax. Survived by his partner of 36 years, Sandy MacKinnon, his sister Marjorie in Australia, niece & nephews Daniel, Linda MacLean (Scott), John (Darlene MacGregor) & grand-nieces & grand-nephews Kieran, Natalie, Matthew, Sarah & Natasha; also Corinna, mother of Kieran Mullen; many cousins in PEI, Ontario & Quebec who love him still; & good friends & colleagues who walked down the long, rich road of life with him. Predeceased by his parents, Aretas and Marjorie, sister Clare & her husband, Alfred Mullen.

After his long career as English Professor at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Ken continued his research & passion for his PEI home, now the Glenaladale Estate, site of Canada's first Catholic Scottish Gaelic settlement. His keen desire to find & feel the connections in his family & community drove his hunger for knowledge. He wanted to understand the people he came from & appreciate the trials & strengths of those who came before him. His mind never stopped, but searched always for broader circles of meaning & deeper understanding. To the end of his life, he was a teacher who wanted to share the wonder that he felt & his longing for community based on human values. Many who knew him were inspired by his search for knowledge, his detailed & independent thinking & his great belief in people & his belief in life, despite world trends that troubled him greatly. That belief carried him to the end of his life, when his final gift of his library & research materials to the Glenaladale Estate gave him great comfort, sharing with others the tools to continue the work of understanding the past & making a better world. His Island was in his soul, but his heart reached out to the whole world. We thank you, dear Ken, and we will miss you, more than we can say.

We appreciate profoundly the excellent care of Ken's family physician, Dr. Tulay Yigit and the entire palliative care team, who showed Ken the very best of human caring. There will be no immediate funeral service. As Ken wished, cremation has taken place. Plans for a memorial celebration in PEI will take shape in the new year. For online condolences please visit the Cole Harbour Funeral website. Those who wish to make a gift in Ken's honour may consider contributing to Glenaladale PEI.

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