

IN MEMORY OF
**MALCOLM
MACLEOD**

Obituary for Malcolm MacLeod



DR. MALCOLM KENNETH MACLEOD

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Malcolm K. MacLeod, age 87, on April 24, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia. He was born October 10, 1936, in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. His parents, Ian & Sadie (Cameron) MacLeod, then moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia where he grew up. He had three siblings: Marlene Whiston (David), Joan Cameron Gibson, and Mora Andrews (Roy).

He was predeceased by his sister, Marlene Whiston; brother-in-law, Roy Andrews and his first cousin, Kenneth Franklin Cameron.

Malcolm is survived by his wife, Heather R. (Elliott) Williamson MacLeod; stepson, Sean D. Williamson; step-grandchildren, Brooke D. Williamson, Eve V. Williamson, Timothy M. S. Williamson and Robert E. Williamson and sisters, Joan Cameron Gibson and Mora Andrews.

He was a scholar: B.A. - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Masters – The University of Toronto; PhD – The University of Ottawa. He first taught at the Halifax Grammar School; Kings College, Wolfville, N.S.; two years – Memorial University, St. John’s, Nfld.; Teachers College, Truro, N.S.; Memorial Univ.: Deputy Director, Office of Research and Professor in the History Dept. He became a full professor in the History Dept. at Memorial Univ. He was the President of the Newfoundland Historical Society; Consultant and Contributing Writer – Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador, Volumes Three, Four, and Five. Over the years, Malcolm wrote numerous Academic Journals, Articles and Books: “A Bridge Built Halfway”; “Connections”; “Peace of the Continent”; and “Nearer Than Neighbours”. Historical Articles: “Kindred Countries” – Canada

and Newfoundland Before Confederation; “Heaven is Herds and Crops” by Malcolm MacLeod and Joan Cameron MacLeod Gibson. He did a lot of historical research at the Colchester Museum and Library, Truro, N.S., and at others in Canada and the U.S. In 2011, he wrote a Murder Mystery: “HydroStone” (Halifax, N.S.), then in 2014, wrote “A Halifax Boyhood”. Later moved with his family back to Truro, Nova Scotia where he taught as a History Professor at the A.C. College/Dalhousie University.

In earlier years, he worked at Pier 21, Halifax, N.S. He was sponsored by Bethany United Church, Halifax, N.S. as a theological student at Dalhousie Univ., Halifax. He spent a summer as a student minister in Alberta. He worked for Parks Canada. Malcolm was a UNTD based at Stadacona, Halifax, N.S. Later, at Stadacona, he taught about the Fundy Tides. He worked on Ships and travelled throughout the world.

He loved basketball, volleyball, hockey, skating, swimming, bicycle riding, walking, reading, writing, curling, lawn bowling and playing cards/games. He was a member of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, SCANS, N.S., Golden K., PROBUS. Malcolm had wonderful times with Sean, our grandchildren, and other family members – he loved them deeply. He will be very missed – life will not be the same without him.

Malcolm had a wish to donate his body to Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. for Medical Neuroscience. His wish was granted, he is now in their hands for years of research to help Medical/Science Students learn more about the Human Body, especially Dementia. We wish to thank the Doctors, Nurses, and Staff at the Colchester East Hants Hospital, Truro, N.S. for their great work, kindness and compassion. We also wish to thank Colchester Community Funeral Home.

There will be a Memorial Service at First United Church, Truro, N.S., on May 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Alzheimer Society, N.S., or to a charity of your choice.

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