

Daniel Charles MacLellan

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved brother Daniel, on August 8th at the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Ontario Dan moved with his parents and big sister Bonnie to Cape Breton. He grew up in Sydney Mines until his later teens.

Dan had just finished his first year at Acadia University when he was tragically injured in a car crash. He spent the rest of his days as a high level quadriplegic...but oh my...he was a force to be reckoned with! After his injury he returned to school to become a data processor. He went on to begin his career with the Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat. Shortly after starting there he quickly proved his worth and became the supervisor of that department. Dan was diligent and paid attention to details and the people that he worked with. He retired from the government in 2001 but not before becoming their Director of Computer Services.

Throughout his years Dan was well organized, disciplined and decisive. He was described as being very personable and a team player.

Along with his work career Dan was very active in developing programs for people with disabilities. He was the first person to start up a company focusing on meeting the barrier free transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. (Vital Transit Limited).

He was also President and general manager of SCI Supplies and Services INC. A home based company providing products and consultation services for people with disabilities. Dan was a member of the Canadian Information Processing Society. In 1994-2004 he was chairperson and a board member of the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centers. At the same time he was the Chairperson, Board of Directors for the Metro Resource Center for Independent Living.

Dan was also a member of the Halifax Advisory Committee on the status of persons with disabilities here in the city, answering to the Mayor...well maybe not answering...providing his input.

He was the Founder and Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Sail Able Nova Scotia.

He also gave freely of his time to the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Nova Scotia Division. He received the Arthur D. Stairs award in 1983. He was a member of the Disabled Individual Alliance since 1980, and the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association being active on their board as well. Like we said...a force to be reckoned with.

Dan was a world traveler. He visited many countries over three continents. His disability never slowed him down. He was never a fan of the winters here so he spent the last ten years living them in his home in Costa Rica with his best friend and companion, his big sister Bonnie. His goals later in life were to become a chartered member of the Hells' Angels Motor Cycle Club, go sky diving and swimming with the sharks. Dan loved animals but had a hard time keeping pets because he refused to tie them up. Living in the city was detrimental to their well-being! Dan was predeceased by his Mother Agnes (Ford), his Grandparents Fred and Marjorie Ford, his Nephew and Namesake Daniel Hiscott, several Aunts and Uncles.

He is survived by his two sons Joshua and Adam (Winnipeg), sisters Larkyn, Bonnie, Mary and Darlene (Steve), and brothers Spencer (Lynn) and Rick (Lisa) His Nieces and Nephews that he adored, Carol Anne, Aimee, James and Myra, Deanne (Hillary, Chloe and Kody), Brittany (Buck) (Jaxson and Brody), Stephen (Alex), Jonathan (Nicole), Vicki (Robert) (Jillian), Jeffrey (Kathryn) (Kingsley, Kieran, Kaelyn), Alexis, Matthew, Jordan (Meghan), Taylor and Laura.

In keeping with Dan's wishes cremation has taken place
You are invited to join Dan's family in a celebration of his life on
Monday August 14th from 4-6 pm at Dan's home on 5875 Kane Street
(Unit A)..

Donations may be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association or the Canadian Cancer Society.

The family would also like to extend their thanks to the staff of the Emergency department at the Halifax Infirmary, 5.2 ICU (Stephanie and Charlotte) and the Medical Examiners' Service (Shauna and Dr. Mont).
— with Daniel MacLellan.

