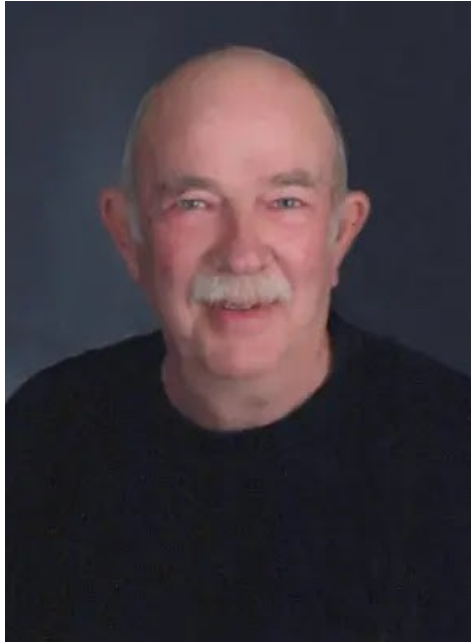


Brian Osburn Merrill Obituary



It is with heavy hearts and sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Brian Osburn Merrill, on November 15th, 2024, peacefully at home.

Born on May 31st, 1948, Brian was the eldest son of the late Russell and Annie Merrill. Brian is survived by his wife of 46 years, Beatrice; sons, Aaron (Krista), and Christopher (Katelyn); daughters, Angela (Chris) and Wendy (Matthew); grandchildren, Jacob, Sydney, Brady, Kate, Tressa, Gage, Hunter, Thatcher, and Lilly Mae; brother, and friend, Blaine; sisters, Twila, Crystal Anne, and Hoda; honorary brother, Warren; and his dog, Molly.

Brian worked as chief scaler at JD Irving in Deersdale for the majority of his life. He attended Hillcrest United Church regularly, serving as Treasurer of the Cemetery Committee. Brian was a longstanding member of the Upper Nashwaak Lions Club.

In his spare time, Brian enjoyed being outdoors and in the woods. He was an avid cribbage player. He enjoyed reading Western novels and watching Western movies on TV. Anyone that knew Brian knew of his obsession for the Maple Leafs. Above all else, Brian loved being home and his family meant more to him than anything. His favourite family activity, besides celebratory and holiday gatherings, was reading to his grandchildren.

In lieu of visitation and funeral, there will be an open Celebration of Life held Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, from 1-4pm at the Upper Nashwaak Lions Club. For those who wish, donations in memory of Brian can be made to the Hillcrest United Church Cemetery Fund. Personal condolences may be offered through www.yorkfh.com.