

The Reverend David Neil MacNaughton

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Rev. David MacNaughton, Age 85 of Truro. It is with great sadness that the family of David MacNaughton announces his passing on October 31, 2020 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro. David was born in Glace Bay, N.S., the son of Samuel and Annie Vokey. His mother died at childbirth and he was subsequently adopted by Alex and Dorothy MacNaughton. David leaves to mourn with beautiful memories his wife of 62 years, Nancy; children, Sandy (Terry Anne), Peter (Colleen), daughter-in-law, Willa; grandchildren, Joshua, Spencer, Myles, Noah, Hannah, Alexandra and Emily. David is also survived by the Vokey family: David (Johanne), Eleanor and Tom. He was predeceased by his son, Scott and siblings of the Vokey family. While in high school, David worked in the Co-operative store, Dosco payroll office and the Sydney Steel Plant. He graduated from Morrison Glace Bay High School in 1953. In the fall of that year, he enrolled at Mount Allison University in Arts and Theology and met her the love of his life, Nancy Munro. He was an Officer Cadet in the U.N.T.D. (Navy) and served aboard HMCS Lauzon. His summer mission fields were in Neidpath and Rapid View in Saskatchewan and he opened a mission field in Marcil, Que. In 1958 he graduated from Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax and was ordained by the United Church of Canada. He served pastorates in: Escuminac, Quebec; St. Andrew's United, Halifax; Central United, Lunenburg-First South; First United, Truro; Trinity-Clifton, Charlottetown, P.E.I. While in Truro, the Roman Catholic Immaculate Conception Church was destroyed by fire. David, with the support of the Clerk of Session, took it upon themselves to invite the Parish to worship in First United Church until their church was rebuilt. This was approved the next day by First United congregation. (David figured it was easier to get forgiveness than permission!). The two congregations worked side by side for over a year. He did post graduate studies at Pine Hill and Princeton University, and was a graduate of the Commercial Safety College in Masstown, N.S. as a bus driver. David served as a qualified supervisor to several theological students. David was actively involved in several church and community organizations. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club. He was chaplain of the Truro Volunteer Fire Brigade for 27 years, and the recipient of a 20-year medal for meritorious service by the Federal Government. David was the author of four books: *The Beatitudes and Their Significance for Today*, *Running Away Is Not the Answer*, *Coping with Life* and, *Homeward Bound*. David thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with family and friends at the cottage at Spencer's Point, overlooking the beautiful Cobequid Bay. His hobbies were gardening, cycling, walking, coin and stamp collecting and reading. He always enjoyed watching a good western movie. He loved to be with family and friends, and summers at the cottage. He will always be remembered for his love of family and God. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks for their wonderful care to Dr. Robert Graham, Dr. Tanya Munroe, and the doctors and nurses of the ICU and palliative care at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. A Webcast of the service took place on Wednesday, November 4th through the Colchester Community Funeral Home.