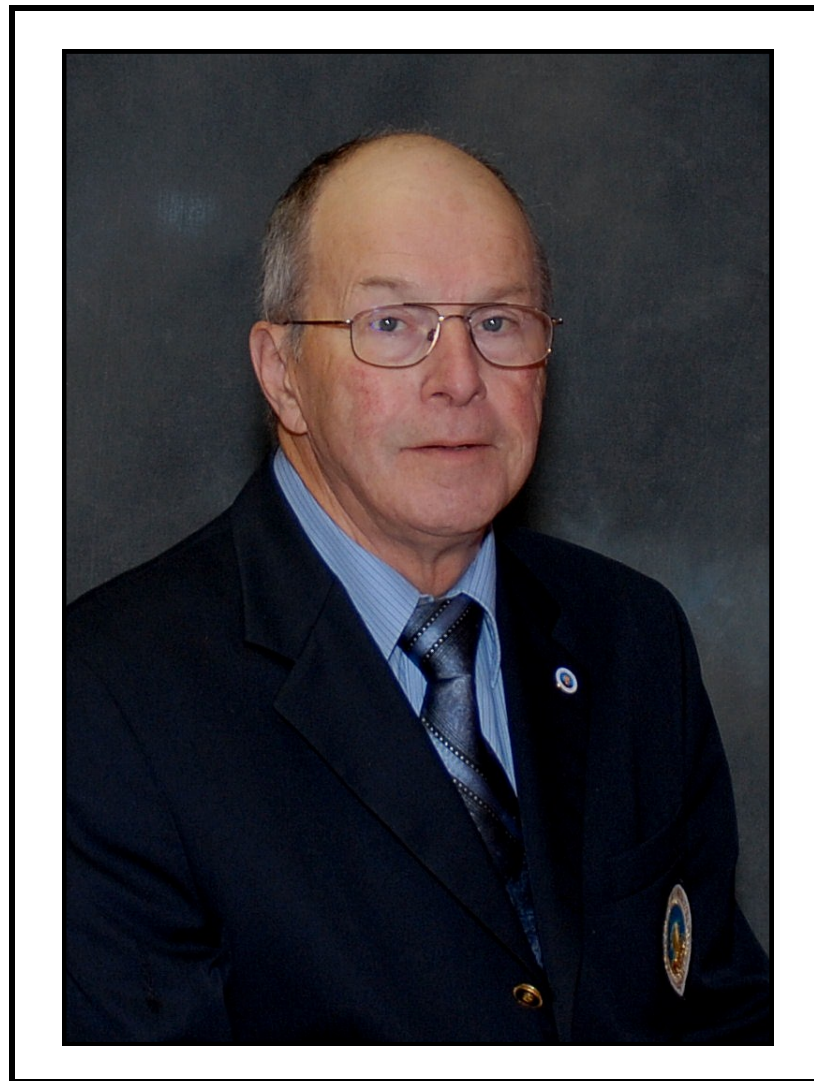


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Ratchford's family would like to thank Dr. Clarke and Staff of the 6th Floor, Infirmary Site, QEII, Halifax, as well as the nurses and staff of Bayview Memorial Health Care Centre in Advocate Harbour for their care and compassion, and for making Ratchford's final days more comfortable.



MERRIAM, RATCHFORD L. - 74, of Spencer's Island passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at Bayview Memorial Health Care Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Spencer's Island, he was a son of the late Laurence and Mary (Spicer) Merriam. Ratchford started his professional life with Swift Canadian. In 1960, he started his first business as a hearing aid audiologist on Quinpool Road in Halifax. In 1964, he joined Mutual Life of Canada where he remained until his retirement in 1999, at which time he returned to Spencer's Island. In 2000, he put his name forward as a municipal councilor, and had just recently entered his fourth term serving the constituents of Cumberland County, District 10. Besides his family and many friends, Ratchford will be missed by his "four-legged-buddy" Spencer, and numerous other animals throughout the area which he cared for greatly. He is survived by his wife, the former Winnie MacLeod; a daughter, Shelley, Spencer's Island; sons, Brian (Maria), Halifax; Brent (Debbie), Diligent River; sisters, Thelma Traill (Jim), Amherst Shore; Pat Merriam (Barry Small), Oakville, Ont.; grandchildren, Matthew, Laura and Sarah. All are invited to join the family for a public reception at the Advocate Fire Hall on Sunday, November 25, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. A private family committal service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Atlantic Canadian Branch of the Kidney Foundation or to a charity of choice.