



MELANSON, Edward James - Age 82 years of St. Marys, ON and Bedford, NS passed away September 4, 2011 in the QE Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Joseph and Helen Melanson. Edward served 20 years in the Canadian Forces and 15 years as a clerk treasurer in Lucan, ON. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, an active member of Grace Community Church, St. Marys, and Middle Sackville United Baptist Church (MSURB). Edward is survived by his wife, Isabel (Hutchinson) Melanson; daughters Lynn (Rob) Stewart; Donna (Jeff) Fawcett; Dianne (Chris) Coffin; Cindy (Kevin) Coffin; Shelda (Phil) Bishop; sons, Paul (Judy) Melanson; Allen Melanson; George Melanson; Stuart (Linda) Melanson; Garnet (Shirley) Hutchinson; Fred (Joyce) Hutchinson. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Shirley Melanson and Dorothy Melanson; brothers, Bill (May) and Ray (Gwen); 33 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and blessed with many nieces and nephews. Edward was predeceased by his first wife, Freeda (Dawson) Melanson (2006); brothers, Dunny, Paul, Allen and Tilman; sisters, Sister Helen Marie, Margaret and Mary. There was a visitation and service in Halifax followed by cremation. There will be a second visitation at the L. A. BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, 7 Water St. N., St. Marys on Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate his life will be held at Grace Community Church (16 Hillside Court, St. Marys) on Friday, September 23, 2011 with a visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. with Rev. David Horne officiating. Ed and Freeda's ashes will be interred together in St. Marys Cemetery. In his memory donations to Grace Community Church or the charity of one's own choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences at [www.ballfc.ca](http://www.ballfc.ca)

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