

In Memoriam – Joe McNally

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The Legal Counsel Office is heartbroken to share the news that colleague Joe McNally passed away on April 16, 2019 in Halifax at the age of 41.

We were privileged to have Joe as part of the Legal Counsel Office as Associate Legal Counsel from 2012 until his diagnosis with cancer in 2017. His work stretched across the university, and everyone who worked with Joe couldn't help but be inspired by his spirit, his commitment and his positive energy. As he left our office to face his journey with cancer, we continued to be inspired by the example he set for everyone around him, especially his wonderful family. Joe will be deeply missed and proudly remembered at Dalhousie.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 from 6-8 p.m. at J.A. Snow Funeral Home, 339 Lacewood Drive. Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Parish in Upper Tantallon, with reception to follow.

Below is the obituary from Joe's family.

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With shattered hearts, we announce the passing of Joseph Anthony McNally on April 16, 2019, in Halifax at the age of 41. He peacefully passed to Heaven wrapped in love. Joe was born and raised in Sydney, NS, to Joyce (Slade) McNally and Joseph McNally. He was the world's best baby brother to Cathy and Dave. In July 2004, Joe married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Jan. With all one's heart, Joe's happiest moments in life were when his three children were born: Paige Carmel (11), Lily (angel baby), Cohen Joseph (8) and Judd Garrison (2). We take comfort in knowing that his spirit will live on in his three beautiful children.

Joe attended Riverview Rural High School followed by Saint Mary's University (Bachelor of Commerce in Finance, 2001). He received an LL.B. from the University of New Brunswick Law School in 2007. Joe clerked for McInnis Cooper law firm from 2007-2008. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2008 and then worked as an associate for McInnis Cooper. Joe quickly became a well-respected lawyer in the area of Corporate and Commercial Law and Asset Recovery. Joe most recently worked at the Dalhousie University Legal Counsel Office from 2012 until his diagnosis in 2017.

Joe was an amazing husband, father, son, brother and friend. Joe was most known for his work hard, play hard attitude, his love for the outdoors, his infectious personality and witty sense of humour. Joe loved to travel and was passionate about canoeing, camping and in particular outback camping in Kejimikujik National Park. For Joe, there was nothing better than exploring the outdoors with his family. Joe's journey with cancer was an inspiration to everyone. He was a fighter in all aspects of his life.

In addition to his immediate family, Joe is survived by mother-in-law, Carmel Mullins (Boutilier), father-in-law, Gary Mullins, sister-in-law, Holly Vassallo (Shawn), brothers-in-law Garry Mullins and Paul Mitchell and four nieces: Emily McNally (Dave and partner Julie Keeping), Brooklynne and Bhreagh Marsh (Cathy) and Sorsha Vassallo (Holly and Shawn).

Joe you have left us far too soon, but you have touched every one of lives and you will never be forgotten. We love you.

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