



Neil Cheney

June 22, 1949 - April 14, 2024

The family of Neil (Nick, Niles) Richard Cheney are devastated to announce his sudden passing on April 14, 2024. Born in Stratford, son of the late Stuart and Vivian Cheney.

Best friend and loving husband of 52 year to Carol (Hood). The best and most supportive father to Erin and Gustavo, Geoff, and Rebecca. Proud yaya to Luciana, Hendrick, and Vivienne. Brother to Janne Burton, Kirk Cheney, and Chris Brennan.

We are tremendously saddened by the sudden loss of such a wonderful man.

Neil joined IATSE Local 357 July 11th, 1976, and worked for 41 seasons at the Stratford Festival retiring as head of scenic carpentry in 2015. His creativity showed no bounds at work and at home. Art and the artform reflected in his many car drawings, dioramas, and models – of which there were many. His passion for cars began early in childhood with big brother Kirk leading him down the path of no return. His encyclopedic brain for cars was unmatched with every memory or story including a car reference. A trip to Italy with Carol included a stop in Maranello where he drove his beloved Ferrari.

Neil was a selfless problem solver. He didn't think twice if you asked him to help. And his solutions were often unique as "macgyverinig" was a fulltime hobby.

He always welcomed you with a big smile and a hug and jokes were never far behind. He could cut a rug like no other never shying away from a dance floor. You knew you were going to have a good time if Neil was in the mix!

He took great pride in cheering on his grandchildren and their respective teams: Forest City Volleyball Club, Stratford Warriors, Stratford Aces.

Neil will be missed greatly all of his Union kin.