**RCEME Corps Obituary MCpl Gouthro**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Master Corporal Sheldon Gouthro on 11 July 2022.

After nearly 34 years of dedicated, loyal service in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), with 16 of those years to the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Sheldon lost his courageous battle to cancer. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital.

Sheldon Gouthro was born on the 4th of June 1971 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces on 3 November 1988. Before he became a Vehicle Tech, Sheldon was a Mobile Support Equipment Operator and Contstruction Technician. His first posting was with 35 Service Battalion as a MSE OP Class A Reservist. He completed his basic training in December, and his MSE Op training the following summer in Aldershot, NS. He would spend the better part of the next 17 years employed in the Atlantic Region, working various Class B contracts with 35 Service Battalion and CFB Gagetown CTC units. In October 1998, MCpl Gouthro transferred to the Construction Technician trade where he worked for seven years. Sheldon finally found his favourite trade and Corps when transferred to the Regular Force as a Vehicle Technician in the RCEME Corps in March 2006. Upon completion of his QL3 course, he was posted to the 2nd Service Battalion in Petawawa, ON on 26 April 2007. Here he completed his Vehicle Tech QL5A training, and was subsequently deployed as part of Op ATHENA, roto 9 in Afghanistan from May to November 2010.

Following his deployment, Sheldon was posted to CFB Halifax Det Debert in 13 July 2011. He was promoted to MCpl on 1 December 2015. Shortly after, Sheldon took the final posting of his career to Tech Svcs 5 CDSB Gagetown in Oromocto, NB on 14 July 2016. He spent several years as an instructor and working in the multiple shops within Maint Coy.

If you asked him, Sheldon would say getting the chance to deploy and serve his country in Afghanistan was the highlight of his career. But Sheldon equally valued working with others and cracking jokes to lift the mood around him. Naturally, Sheldon enjoyed the various instructor positions he held throughout his career, especially his last as an OJT instructor. Sheldon loved to teach young soldiers and worked diligently to impart knowledge onto them and all those around him.

Sheldon Gouthro is survived by his wife Audrey, his children Daniel, Jacob, Laura, and Nathan, and his brother Raphael, There will be a funeral service on 1300hrs Friday, 15 July 2022 at the St. Mary’s Chapel in CFB Gagetown. A celebration of life reception will be held shortly afterwards at 1500hrs at the Warrant Officer’s and Sergeant’s Mess. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and their loved ones in their time of deep sorrow.