

Ernest (Ernie) William Lafferty

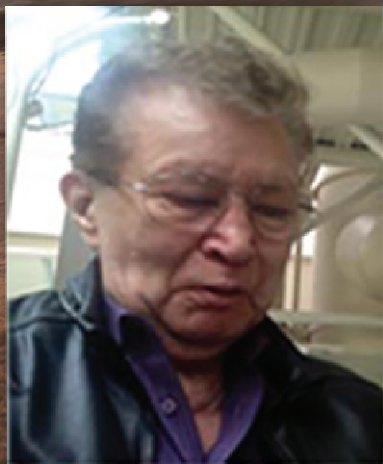
October 14, 1936 - April 16, 2023



Ernie, born in Fort Rae, NWT on October 14, 1936 passed away peacefully on April 16, 2023, at the age of 86. Ernie moved to Alberta in the early to mid 1950's. He got a job with Eldorado Mining in Uranium City and worked there for about 5 years, or slightly longer. He moved to Edmonton where he eventually got a job with Pepsi Co. He loved his job and was very proud to have over 40+ years of continuous service with them. Ernie received Pepsi's International Quality Award - First Place Standing in Canada two years in a row in 1989 and 1990 in recognition of his exemplary work at Pepsi Co. He retired in 2001.



Ernie was a lot of fun and had a hell of a sense of humor says his brothers in law Dennis Dornan and André Dupras. Dennis recalls in July 1967 he and Eva were living in Vancouver, and one night they decided to go out with Florence and John. It was very crowded, and they looked up and there was Ernie. They had no idea he was in the city on holidays. He sat down with them, and they all started some serious beer drinking. Some woman came over to their table later and was leaning over talking to Eva. Just at that time Ernie jumped up to go to the washroom. When he got up the woman's wig caught on Ernie's belt buckle. She is running after him hollering MY WIG, MY WIG. Ernie had no idea her wig was stuck to his belt. So she is running after him and he starts walking faster to get away from her. She finally caught up to him at the washroom door and retrieved her wig. Everyone in the bar was laughing so hard. Dennis asked Ernie later why he did not stop when she was hollering at him. He said he had no idea what she was hollering about, he thought she wanted to hook up with him, and he said, "I did not want to have anything to do with that crazy ...!"



His brother-in-law André Dupras told of a time he and Louisa were in Edmonton, where they attended a concert. After the concert, they were walking down the street, and saw people entering the Legion, and Ernie said let's go there and have some beers. André said but it's a private wedding, and we don't know anyone. Ernie said, "I don't care, I've never crashed a wedding before, have you?" So, they go in, and Ernie said, "when someone looks at you, just smile and wave at them like you know them, and everything will be all right". André said they waved at everyone that caught their eye... and they waved back! André says they had such a good time eating, drinking, dancing all night, and it didn't cost one nickel!

Ernie is pre-deceased by his parents Philip and Mary Lafferty; Brothers Joseph, Lloyd, Henry, Charlie, Lawrence; and Sisters Catherine Lafferty, Roseanne Koyczan-Berg, and Louisa Dupras. Ernie is survived by his sisters Florence Hussey, and Eva Dornan (Dennis), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends throughout the North and Edmonton. Ernie requested his body be cremated and interred in Yellowknife's Lakeview Cemetery Columbarium with his brother's Charles and Lawrence. His cremains will be interred by his family at a later date once arrangements are finalized. We will ensure the date and time is known via radio/news paper if you wish to attend the interment. In lieu of flowers or wreaths, donations in Ernie's memory can be made to a Dementia facility of your choice.