



## ***SMITH, Donald Wayne***

### ***1947 ~ 2023***

Donald Smith passed away peacefully in his home, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer, on April 21, 2023, at the age of 76.

Don is survived by his two sons, Clayton (Shawna) and Ryan (Shauna); his eight grandchildren, Jordan (predeceased), Selah, Lily, Avery, Latham, Autumn, Tristan, River, and one great grandchild, Ahkira.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Evelyn in 2013; one grandchild, Jordan; his parents, Gilbert and Muriel Smith; his brother Harry and his sister Gilda.

Don was born in Vancouver, BC in 1947. He spent his youth in Richmond, and later Kimberley, BC before making his way to Yellowknife in the 60's. There he met Evelyn, his loving and devoted wife and they would go on to have two sons, Clayton and Ryan. Don was a strong and protective husband and father. He taught his boys how to stand tall and be proud. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed many hobbies such as woodworking, gunsmithing, astronomy, reading, cooking and curing meats, amongst others. He loved living and travelling throughout Canada's Northern Territories; as he would say, "the North gets in your blood." Don spent the first part of his career as a Corrections Officer in Yellowknife, NWT, where he earned the nickname Cowboy Smith. The latter part of his career was spent serving the communities of the North as a Sheriff's Deputy.

Don and Evelyn retired to St. Albert in 2010, where they spent the remainder of their years closer to family.

A Celebration of Don's Life will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm in St. Albert Funeral Home, 9 Muir Drive. Burial will follow in St. Albert City Cemetery, 25116 Poundmaker Rd.

Arrangements entrusted to Connelly-McKinley St. Albert Funeral Home.