



## **John Pistak Jr.**

*February 19, 1934 - December 21, 2020*

It is with great sadness that the family of John Pistak Jr. announces his sudden passing on December 21, 2020, at the age of 86 years.

He was born to parents John and Julia Pistak, on February 19, 1934 in Trail, British Columbia. A journeyman mason, his work was his passion, as was evident in every piece of work he created. His artistic touch towards each job enriched the lives of so many.

If "Big John" wasn't working harder than any human should be able to do, he was spending his time enjoying one of the many outdoor pursuits he loved so much. His love for fishing and hunting made Yellowknife the perfect place to call home. It was the small town feel and great group of friends that made his life happy and kept him young for so long. Whether it was making wine with his friends or throwing a couple horseshoes out at Cassidy Point, John took advantage of every opportunity to be out in the fresh air enjoying life to the fullest.

There is nothing John loved more than his children and grandchildren. He shared his love of the outdoors with his children. From family ski trips to Silverstar Mountain to fishing trips at Indian Mountain Lodge, it really was watching his family enjoying themselves that made him the happiest of all. He also never hesitated to jump down on the floor to play with his grandkids and loved making funny faces and noises to make them laugh and smile.

He is survived by his sons, John (Joelle) and Stephen (Katie), and grandchildren, Jack, Brody, Benjamin, and Samuel, as well as his brother William (Anne), sister Lil, nieces and nephews and their families.

He is predeceased by his parents, John and Julia, and his sister Helen.

Due to the current restrictions, the day of John's celebration of life is yet to be determined.