

## *In Loving Memory*



### **Colin James Donaldson**

*July 31, 1943 - December 25, 2021*

In the early morning of Christmas Day, 2021, our beloved brother and uncle passed away at Stanton Territorial Hospital, in Yellowknife

Colin was born July 3, 1943, to Jack and Mabel Donaldson of Greencourt, Alberta. Colin's birth was in Edmonton, and he was raised on a farm near Greencourt, and Mayerthorpe, Alberta. Colin attended School in Mayerthorpe, where he was involved in Basketball, curling, and 4H Dairy.

After leaving High school, Colin adventured out into the world, and answered the call to go to the Territories with the Hudson Bay Company. Throughout the 1960's, Colin worked in the remote communities of Snowdrift (Lutselk'e), Inuvik, and Fort McPherson. Colin was stationed in the Inuit Communities for a couple of years at a time, representing the Hudson's Bay, until he choose to settle in Yellowknife in 1974. Colin worked for the Northwest Territories Government from 1974 until 1989.

After working with the government, Colin decided to follow a passion of his, and attended culinary school through NAIT. Once he had completed his schooling, he was a professional chef. He began a career working in camps through out the Territories. One of his main camps was the Diavak Diamond mine, and later in his career, he spent time in some smaller camps. Colin also volunteered at the Salvation Army, helping to prepare holiday meals, and with people in need of a helping hand. He also helped Santa many times when St Nick could not appear himself.

Even though Colin was born and raised in Alberta, as a young gentleman, NWT pulled him in, and he loved the North. It became his home, where even on his annual and sometime Biannual trips to visit his family, he was always wanting to get back to his home. His home called him, and he was always most comfortable in his home, The northern Territories.

While living in the Territories, Colin still loved curling, but he was very much energized by Northern culture, History, and fine arts. As the family, we noticed with enjoyment, his love of the Native people, and his great appreciation their culture. All our homes have pieces of art sent to us by Colin from are area. He was very proud of what he could share. Every Marriage of the siblings... and then onto the nieces and nephews, and gift of Moose tufting was sent. His family always knew that that he felt so much more at Peace with his adopted family, the Territories, the culture and peoples of the north.

Colin was pre-deceased by his parents, Jack and Mabel Donaldson, and a niece Jeanette Donaldson.

Colin was very dear to the hearts of his family. He will be remembered by his brother Gordon of Kelowna (Nephew Rodney, and Niece Sheila) , his sister Laurel of Red Deer (Niece Lisa, and Nephew Garth ) and Brother Donald of White Court (Nephew Joe, Nephew, Michael, Nephew Kevin, and Nephew Kelsey) There are many great nieces and nephews, with whom he and they had a love for each other. Colin was very close to his nieces and nephews. He did seem to have a special bond with all of them. Every child (who became and adult) was excited when the found-out Uncle C was visiting.

Colin had specifically requested that no service or memorial take place for him. Colin will be interred with his parents at Mayerthorpe. A small ceremony will be held in the spring of 2022 attended by the family.