

GEORGE THOMAS BAIRD

JULY 8, 1949 – OCTOBER 29, 2008

After a brave fight with cancer, George passed away at his home at Prelude Lake surrounded by family and friends.

George was born and grew up in Montreal. Later in life he moved out west and eventually to Yellowknife in the 1980s. He had a great love for the outdoors and spent his spare time hunting, fishing, skidooing and boating. George was a hard working man. He was involved in the construction industry and did many projects in the West, the North and in South America. His last years of work were spent as a project manager for Deton'cho Corporation in Yellowknife.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Marie Coe; children: Annie (Jerome) LeBlanc, George (Tina), Alex (Tanya), Julie (Shane) Swennumson and stepson Evan (Catherine) Coe; brothers: John (Diane) and Jim (Nadene); sisters: Bonnie (Gary) Laybourne and Debbie (Stewart) Marlin. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his parents George and Alice Baird.

The family would like to thank our wonderful friends, organizations and facilities for their kindness and helpfulness during George's illness. You know who you are.

Memorial Service will be held Monday, November 3, at 2:00 pm at the Yellowknife United Church, Northern United Place.

In keeping with George's wishes his ashes will be spread over George's Lake 8 miles north of Prelude Lake where he has a hunting/fishing cabin.

A plaque will be displayed there in his memory.

George suffered from glaucoma and underwent a cornea transplant in 2005 and urged everyone to carry a donor card. Pick up your donor card in George's honour at the front desk of the Stanton Territorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Foundation, 102-5204 50th Avenue, Yellowknife, NT X1A 1E2.

