

# Benton R. Davie

March 21, 1991 – April 25, 2021



*My name is Benton Davie. I chose to make the north my home about 10 years ago as a young man who did not know what he was looking for, much like my maternal grandfather many years before me! The north is famous for its hospitality and it did not fail me. I was instantly hooked by the rugged winters, endless summer days, strong sense of community, friends I made and mainly and unexpectedly, the aviation industry so vital to my new city.*

*I was hired by Great Slave Helicopter and I knew almost immediately that this was something I could turn into a lifelong career. I transferred into the apprenticeship program to begin working towards becoming a licensed Air Craft Maintenance Engineer. I enrolled at Red River Colleges Stevenson campus and was accepted into their AME apprentice program. Over the next four years I worked towards this goal, and continued to enjoy travelling and working all over both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. I have done well academically and am proud of my achievements.*

*I plan to work in Yellowknife as I feel it provides scenarios and opportunities you can find no where else in the world. I of course, do not know what the future holds but I know mine will involve helicopters and Yellowknife.*

*(an excerpt from applications by Ben Davie)*

**As you can see Benton was happy with his choices and took opportunities to work with biologists and contribute to the research part of his tours. He met friends he loved, colleagues he respected, and a community he felt a part of.**

**On April 25, 2021 Benton and two others were flying in the Eastern Arctic in an Airbus AS350-B2 when a problem occurred and the helicopter went down. There were no survivors. Ben was 30 years old.**

**Jeff, Monica (Richinger), Spencer and Jo, our family and friends, know that you share our grief and are very thankful for your support. Be gentle with each other as we move forward in our new reality without our beloved son, brother, cousin, nephew, grandson and friend.**