

Christianus (Chris) Petrus Maria Bergman

October 4, 1946 ~ October 7, 2013

It is with great sadness that the family of Chris Bergman announces his passing at the age of 67. Chris fought a valiant battle with cancer and passed away surrounded by his family at the Stanton Territorial Hospital in Yellowknife.

Chris is survived by his wife Dorothy; his sisters Anna, Elizabeth and Janey; his brothers Bill and Tony; his daughters Jennifer (Steve) and Kimberley; son Peter (Tasha); as well as his grandchildren Abigail, Noah, Ava, Nate, Journey and Lane.

Chris was born the fourth child of Peter and Johanna Bergman, and moved with his family to Calgary from the Netherlands at the age of six.

After a standout athletic career with Idaho State, he followed his father's footsteps and pursued a career in law enforcement. Early into his RCMP career, Chris accepted a posting in Canada's far North, and thus began Chris' northern journey. Inuvik, and many other communities in the Mackenzie Delta, was where Chris made many friends and proudly served as an RCMP officer. It was in Inuvik that this larger than life man met a petite nurse, Dorothy. In no time, Chris and Dot had fallen in love, married and embarked on their northern life together. Chris' postings took them to Pond Inlet, Fort Smith, Regina, Red Deer, Ottawa, and Yellowknife, where they called it home for 25 years. Chris retired from the RCMP as Staff Sergeant after 28 proud years.

After serving as Director of Sport North, they moved south for two years of 'near' retirement. The North called Chris and Dot once again, and they moved back to Yellowknife where Chris worked for Diavik Diamond Mines for 10 years.



Wherever Chris called home, he was a tireless community member and volunteer.

He actively supported many organizations, including the Yellowknife Seniors' Society, the Yellowknife Food Rescue, and the Special Olympics. Close to Chris' heart was minor hockey, and he spared no effort in coaching generations of children both on and off the ice. He ensured that not one child was left behind in the process.

Through all of these contributions, Chris' proudest achievements were his children – Jennifer, Peter and Kimberley. Never was there an event that you wouldn't hear Chris' big, beaming, and proud voice. A generation later, Chris gave all of this love to his grandchildren – Abigail, Noah, Ava, Nate, Journey and Lane. These unsuspecting grandchildren won the lottery.

In the spirit of Chris' humble way, he would want people to give back to the community. Those who wish can make a donation in his name to the Stanton Territorial Hospital Foundation.

Chris' family would like to extend sincere thanks to the wonderful caring staff at Home Care and Medicine, Dan Stockton, Dr. Affleck, Dr. Buchler, and Janice McKenna.

A memorial service for Chris will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 12:00 p.m. at the DND/RCMP Hangar.

