

Rick Burry May 26th, 1953 - September 28, 2015

Rick Burry, 62, of Yellowknife Northwest Territories passed away peacefully, Monday September 28, 2015.

Rick was born on May 26th, 1953 in Edmonton, AB, to George and Flora Burry. The family moved to Uranium City, SK, in 1955 where Rick grew up around the float base of McMurray Air Service and his love for aviation began, he followed in his father and grandfathers footsteps earning his pilot's license at 16 years of age.

He graduated from St. Albert High School in 1971, and from the University of Alberta in 1975. After spending several summers working in the north as a prospector and pilot, Rick moved to Yellowknife in 1976. On August 28th, 1976, he married former wife, Ann Young, and they shared two daughters, Jennifer and Shauna Burry. In 1978 Rick Burry and Max Braden started Braden Burry Expediting (BBE) which remains an industry leader in Northern Logistics and Supply to this day. Shortly after start up, Jean Buck and brother Mark Burry joined the dream team.

In 1988 Rick and Max sold the business and Rick took his passion for woodwork to the airport, building the Buffalo School of Aviation which led to years of building quality pieces for Buffalo Airways, Great Slave Helicopters, and numerous local companies.

Rick is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer Burry (Brad Tremblay) and Shauna Burry (Rick Bennett); Parents George and Flora Burry; Siblings Joan McGowan (Mark, Lincoln, and Jordan), Mark Burry (Trisha, Sam, and Emma); Uncle Jim Burry and Aunt Carol Burry; several cousins; dear family friend Jean Buck and his companion Lori Dashney; and last but not least his fur-daughter, Mystery.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support during this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Rick Burry can be made to the Yellowknife Community Foundation - Northern Aviation Scholarship at www.YellowknifeCommunityFoundation.ca. You can also mail a cheque to: Box 1620, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P2