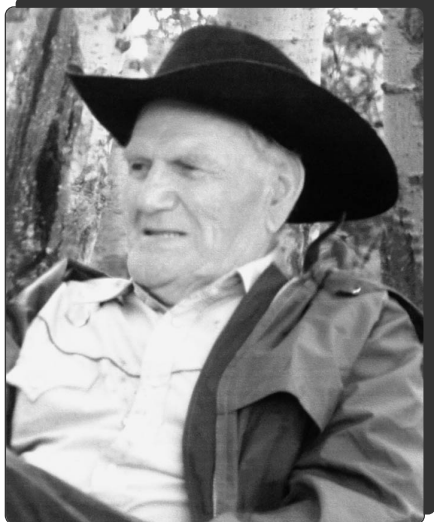


# *Stuart Raymond DeMelt*



We celebrate the life of Mr. Stuart Raymond DeMelt who died peacefully on Sunday, April 23, 2006 in Fort Saint John, BC.

Born on 26 of March, 1922, Stuart moved to the North when he was 8 years old and became a celebrated trapper and freight runner. He was the developer of the first commercial ice roads in northern Canada and has earned his place in history as a pioneer who did much to open the northern regions to modern development. He was the Public Works Foreman for the City of Yellowknife during a period of rapid growth (1966-1975) and left to eventually take up cattle ranching in northern BC.

He is survived by his son Lenard of Vancouver, BC and daughters Hazel (Lytle) of Calgary, Alberta and Linda (Wood) of Yellowknife, NWT. His hat and his wit will be greatly missed down here but he has been seen two-stepping in Heaven.