

Dave Dragon



Joseph Pascal David Dragon was born in Plamondon, Alberta on October, 20, 1936. Dave was the oldest of seven children of Joe and Odina Dragon. His family moved to Peace River in his teens and he made his way to Fort Smith, NT in the late '50's. He lived there until his passing on April 24, 2012.

Dave fell in love with his beautiful wife, Jane Rosie Mercredi, at first sight. They were married on October 31, 1959. Dave and Jane shared an appreciation for life on the land and enjoyed each other's company a lot. They were "a match made in heaven" and are an inspiration to others for their 52 years of marriage. They truly were best friends – forever!

In the log home they built together, they raised their six children – Sabrina, Brenda, Connie, Brian, Joy and Joe. Dave was a wonderful father. He taught his children the value of hard work, generosity, commitment and integrity.

Dave was proud to watch his family grow and welcomed Curtis, Len, Ford, Robb and Leslie into the Dragon clan. He was honoured to teach "the outlaws" a few things about the bush, and life, as well.

Grampa Dragon loved his grandchildren dearly. He enjoyed teaching them all about hunting, trapping, fishing and playing crib. Carisa and Gavin Broadhead, Chloe Smith and Joel Dragon Smith, Jill, Scott and Brad Belanger, Michelle Domsy and Bryanna Modeste, Taltson Olexin and Max, Olivia and David Dragon were his pride and joy!

Dave, Jane and family spent a lot of time together, enjoying two traplines and their Taltson River and Pine Lake cabins. Dave loved being in the bush, especially for the traditional spring and fall hunts. He always looked forward to travelling south, each fall, for annual goose hunts.

Dave was a passionate, honest, and loving man. He might have seemed "ruff and gruff" to some people but he really was a softie, full of fun and laughter too! He was a wonderful provider and worked for the Town of Fort Smith for 39 years. He was an accomplished athlete in his younger days and won an Alberta Golden Gloves boxing championship. He enjoyed representing the NWT for the last time, in '08, when he and Jane played crib at the Seniors Games in New Brunswick. Dave was also a very active sport volunteer when the kids were younger; including coaching softball, curling, broomball and boxing. He was a member of the Fort Smith Fire Brigade for many years, sixteen were as Chief. Later in life he really enjoyed organizing the Piers Lake Fishing Derby with his hunting buddies.

Dave believed that the greatest gifts were family, friends and nature.

*A great life, well lived for 75 years has ended...
in Dave's memory, hug someone you love
and enjoy the beauty of the day!*

