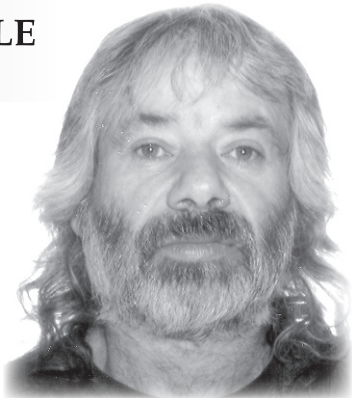


DERWYN JOSEPH GABRIELLE

June 20, 1957 – January 29, 2012

Derwyn passed away peacefully at the age of 54, in Edmonton, AB of cirrhosis of the liver.

Derwyn was born in Swan River, MB. In 1979 he and Barb Vessey ventured to Leduc, AB, eventually settling in Devon, AB. While they lived in Devon their sons were born. Derwyn worked as a mechanic outside of Devon. He enjoyed quadding, mud-bogging, four-wheel driving. With a partner he raced motorbikes with side-car during the winter and was a member of a car-racing team as a mechanic. Derwyn always seemed to have an auto-repair happening in their backyard. From Devon the family moved to Whitecourt, AB where they lived until Derwyn and Barb separated. After this separation Derwyn moved to many different places, Norman Wells, NWT being where he seemed to settle. Here he lived his life to the extreme enjoying fishing trips on the Mackenzie River, and Great Bear Lake and enjoyed many snow machine trips. While living in Norman Wells he began his own small-engines repair shop. Through this business he became well-known throughout the northern communities around Norman Wells as a trusted mechanic. He was often flown into the remote communities to do repairs. At time of death Derwyn was residing in Whitecourt, AB and working as a mechanic. Derwyn took pride in his work. Those who knew him and worked with him would say he was "the best". Many situations and choices he made drew Derwyn away from his family and it was a struggle for him to find his way back. In death he has returned home.



Derwyn is survived by his son Steven (Lindsay), granddaughters Eva and Teigan; son Clinton (Shelby), grandson Austin; and son Andrew (Ashley); his sister Shari (Lee) Eggie – nephew Joey, nieces Terri and Cassandra; his brother Darryl (Trina) – nephew Michael. His uncle Bill Hunt, aunts: Doreen (Darrell) Lumax, Beth Hunt, Kay Gabrielle, Marguerite (Lou) Fredette, Therese (Fern) Savoie, Kay Markle and many cousins and friends.

Derwyn is predeceased by his parents Mildred (Hunt) and Louis Gabrielle, his grandparents Gaston and Josephine (Normand) Gabrielle, George and Maude (Allen) Hunt.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral and burial will take place in Swan River, MB. A Memorial gathering will take place in Whitecourt, AB at a later date.

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