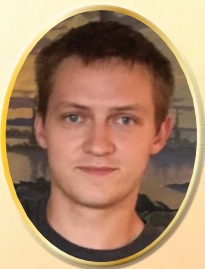


Zachary Michael Qaqutiniq Hart

Son to Annette Althouse and the late Michael Hart. Zack was born and raised in the High Arctic, in a small community, formerly known as Pelly Bay (present day, Kugaaruk). Moving south to Yellowknife at two-years of age, Zack was a true man of the North, loving everything outdoorsy. Zackary's passion for anything with an engine was boundless. He could always be found on his sled, dirt bike, street bike or ripping it up in his truck. His past-times were consumed by taking mean wheelies and jumps and then being meticulous enough to fix every broken part when he came back after an adventure. He could be found researching parts or manuals most evenings.



His last three years, he lived with his sister, Sienna Kellar and brother-in-law Kevin, at a farm 20 minutes east of Bowden. It is here where he taught his sister how to ride a dirt bike while she taught him to drive a tractor. Zack was always more than willing to lend a hand – it could be installing parts on equipment or simply hauling manure to a field. He always took pride in what he did. His sister spent days, countless days, enjoying watching Zack attempt to ride the mini donkey, having bonfires and target shooting in the back field.

Initially, Zack had started out as a helicopter engineer for Great Slave Helicopters and then had taken his private pilot's license in Cochrane, Alberta. But his love for fixed wing aircraft, and fueled by the sentimental value of carrying on where his step dad, Peter Austin, used to work, lead him to the doors of Buffalo Airways where he fixed the WWII piston pounders. Zack worked on many planes including the famous D-Day plane DTD from the hangar in Springbrook, Alberta.

He had a massive love for the North, which over the last three years, repeatedly drew him back, for 90-day fire contracts. In recent months, Zack found a true love for the Lockheed Electra, specifically his girl BAQ. Zack was a man anyone would have been proud to call a friend. He was an extremely encouraging person, endlessly curious, who took delight in meeting new people and knowing all about the trucks or toys they owned. He didn't have a mean bone in his body and was loyal till the end. Many friends have reached out to say just what a wonderful person Zack was. There will be a celebration of life for Zack in Yellowknife when Covid calms down and people can fly to help celebrate his short but amazing life.

Zack is carried on by his mother, Annette Althouse and husband Dennis, stepdad Peter Austin, brother Ryan Hart and wife Reverly, sister Sienna Kellar and husband Kevin, stepmom Mary Nirlungayuk and sisters, Stephanie and Victoria.