

Robert (Robb) Mitchell Olexin

September 14, 1964 – April 30, 2022

The family of Robb Olexin are deeply saddened to announce his passing the early morning hours of Saturday, April 30th, 2022, at his home in Lonsdale, MN. He was surrounded with love by his son Taltson, sister Patty and two of his longest and dearest friends, Robert and Heather Redshaw.

Robb was 57 years old.

Born and raised in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, Robb was active in community and sports, he excelled in hockey, fastball, broomball and in later years, his true passion, golf. Known as the "Iceman", and through his work with Becker Arena Products Inc., he traveled the world building ice rink venues for the likes of Kristi Yamaguchi and curling ice for Jon Bon Jovi, along with many many others. His vast knowledge of the ice industry, his quick wit, along with his charismatic and outgoing personality, had him building numerous and lasting relationships wherever he went.

The loss of Robb has left a tremendous hole in many hearts, and he will be forever missed and cherished in the lives of his children, who were his whole life; son Taltson Olexin of Lonsdale MN, daughter Wynter Kuliktana-Blais (Nick), of Kugluktuk NU, his mother Sandra Verbecky (Jack) of Tiger Lily, AB., and his sister Patty Olexin-Lang (Mike), of Yellowknife, NT. Grandchildren Leighton and Aili Blais and nephew, Harley Lang; Dear and lifelong friends Robert and Heather Redshaw of Yellowknife, NT, Bert Dean of Rankin Inlet, NU, Myles Severn of Big Valley, AB, Steve Santini of Brewster, New York, Joy Dragon of Ft. Smith, NT, the entire Dragon family to which he remained close, family relatives, friends, and work colleagues, all from across Canada and the United States.

Robb was predeceased by his father, Robert (Bob) Olexin in 1986.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Hospice Nurse, Emily Osgar, whose exceptional care and compassion for Robb exceeded our expectations through his journey, and this most difficult time for his family and friends.

We wish to also thank Robb's employer, Becker Arena Products Inc., for their compassion and support throughout Robb's illness, as well, Martin (Marty) Richardson and Dawg Nation Hockey Foundation for setting up an unexpected fundraiser in Robb's honour. We are forever grateful to you Marty and all those who gave so generously.

There will be a "Celebration of Robb" in Yellowknife, NT, Friday June 24, 2022, 2:30pm at the Elks Lodge (downstairs). "Remembering Robb" will commence at 3:00pm. An open mic will be available until 5:00pm for anyone who wishes to drop in and share their memories and stories of Robb.

A "Celebration of Robb" will also be held in Robb's home area of Lonsdale, MN, on Sunday, September 18th, 2022. Details about the event will be announced through Robb's Facebook page once they are finalized in the coming weeks.

"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." Ben Hogan

