

It is with great sadness the family announces the unexpected passing of Charles Overvold on February 12, 2022 following a minor surgery in Edmonton, Alberta.

Charles was born in Fort Norman (Tulita) and spent his formative years there. He was sent to hospital in Aklavik when he was nine years old and stayed there for two years. During this time he was visited by Bern Will Brown who taught him drawing skills.

He attended Residential school in Aklavik until he came to Akaitcho Hall in 1958. He met and married his first wife and had one child, Ronald, in 1965. He then met Kathy Paul in 1977 and they married in 1979. They had two chosen children Christopher and Charlotte. His only grandchild, Oceane, was born in 2018 much to his delight.

Charles was an avid big game and bird hunter and spent much time on the land teaching his children to hunt and gather. He would cook his wild meat out on the land and he passed down this passion to his kids. He loved to drive and long road trips were an annual event for the family.

Charles was a photography enthusiast as well as a lifelong reader and one of his last requests was a copy of the latest Newsweek and Astronomy mags.

He began his working career as an aero radio operator. He was a Metis pioneer and was instrumental in the formation of the Metis Association of the NWT and the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre. Following management studies, he began work as a public servant with the federal and territorial government. He ended his career as Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs with GNWT and began his retirement.

Charles is survived by his children Ronald, Christopher and Charlotte (Kevin); granddaughter Oceane; sisters Margaret Powder (Doug), Doris (Les), Trudy King; brothers Bob (Lucy), Sonny, Raymond King (Laura) and their families; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 28th at the Tree of Peace.

Covid restrictions apply and attendance is limited to 100 persons.

Charles Overvold

August 8, 1941 – February 12, 2022



*No farewell words were spoken.
No time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.*

