



GARY "GUY" POTTS

JULY 18, 1966 ~ APRIL 15, 2013



Gary "Guy" Potts passed away on Monday, April 15 in the arms of his family after a long hard battle waiting for a liver transplant.

Gary was born on July 18, 1966 in Haileybury, Ontario. He grew up on N'daki Menan, Bear Island, Lake Temagami. Gary graduated from New Liskeard Secondary School and the Haileybury School of Mines.

He worked for the Ministry of Labour throughout Northern Ontario before moving to Yellowknife in 1996 where he enjoyed working for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Yellowknife became home for Gary and his family and he loved the quiet lifestyle.

Gary was an avid sports fan. He played ball passionately and spent hours practicing his swing by batting rocks into Lake Temagami. He played hockey throughout his life and wore #11 with pride for his college team The HSM Miner's. He was an avid Habs fan throughout his life. Gary also enjoyed golfing and when he wasn't playing sports he was watching it on TV. He shared his love of sports with his son Zachary and coached his soccer, ball and hockey teams.



Gary loved to be outdoors on the land. Fishing, hunting, walking in the bush, going for a boat ride or just sitting and enjoying the beauty of the Mother Earth were his favourite pastimes.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; daughter, Kimberly; son, Zachary; father, Gary Sr.; brother, Dean (Linda); and sisters, Elizabeth and Paula. Gary was

predeceased by his mother, Doreen and brother, Alan.

Gary was well known as "Guy Smiley" from a very young age. His dazzling smile, gentle demeanour and quick wit will be missed by all those who knew him.

*Cremation has taken place. **A Celebration of Life will be held at Northern United Place on Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 pm.** In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary's memory can be made to the HOPE Foundation, Aberhart Center, Room 9120A, 11402 University Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6G 2J3. The HOPE Foundation is responsible for organ and tissue donation education programs and the co-ordination of organ and tissue procurement for the Alberta Organ Transplant Program.*