

# Steven Radcliffe

July 30, 1964 – June 11, 2017

Steven was born in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and from a very young age he had a love of airplanes and motorcycles. Later in his teen years he became a very accomplished motocross rider under the tutelage of many other great riders who became even greater life long friends. He went on to win many trophies and to make his parents, Peter and Peggy, very proud of his accomplishments. His love of airplanes led him to a career in aviation and at the age of 23, he began as an aviation engineer with La Ronge Aviation, then Ptarmigan Airways and finally with First Air. He proudly maintained his beloved airplanes but his favourite was the De Havilland Twin Otter.

Becoming increasingly sick and tired of so many long winters, working outside and having his health care card and the Govt. of the NWT classify him as 'other', he transferred to the First Air base in Edmonton. He loved living in Leduc and close to the airport where he continued to service flight attendants and aircraft for First Air and riding his motorbike on Leduc's hot summer nights. In 2012 he took early retirement. After well over twenty five plus in the aviation field, he sat back to enjoy a life of swearing at the TV and small children or yard apes as he so often referred to them. His cynical ways were only matched by his love for all things relating to space and his understanding of quantum physics was great.

He had a very kind and loving heart but his illness had no discrimination and he was taken far too soon. His pain is gone and he has gone to heaven to drink orange pop, debate religion, time and space continuums, swear at small children and to be with his little brother Michael who predeceased him. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Reynolds Aviation Museum. Our heartfelt thanks to the nursing staff at Leduc General Hospital for their genuine care and to Dr. Justin Belco for his care, compassion and advocacy on Steve's behalf.

In the words of one of his favourite authors, Douglas Adams (Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy):

***"So Long and Thanks for the Fish" Cheerio!***