



Robert (BOB) Francis Stewart Born Nov 27, 1938 died Feb 18, 2021

Born to James and Mary (Mae) Stewart on Nov 27, 1938 in the Rural Community of Cornwallis, MB and was the younger brother of Mary Stewart. He lived in St. Norbert on Richardson's farm where his father worked as a cattle rancher and later the family moved to the United States where he too worked on a cattle farm. While he lived in the United States, a very young Bob married Linda Finkle in 1958 with whom he had two children Robert Francis Stewart Jr., and Theresa Stewart. He returned to Canada at the age of 22 and lived in Winnipeg, MB. Bob worked various jobs in Winnipeg when he met Shirley Ann Laing and they were married on September 8, 1962. Together they had three daughters Valerie Ann, Tammy Lynn, and Cynthia Louise.

In 1969 the north began calling out to Bob and he moved his young family to Lynn Lake, MB for a six-month period then took a chance again and moved them to Churchill, MB in 1970. Bob worked in Churchill as a mechanic for Ingelbrickson's Garage and as a refueler for Gordy Paul's refueling. Bob opened a small repair shop where he fixed and sold snowmobiles. Bob started to get into the high-powered racing machines and decided he would take up snowmobile racing. He travelled the racing circuit in Canada and the USA with his high-powered machines winning some and losing some while making lifelong friendships.

In 1974 Bob decided to take his family even further North by moving them to Rankin Inlet, Nunavut where he worked for Lamb Air and the NWT Government. He would refuel aircraft and the family would provide accommodation and meals to pilots flying throughout Nunavut. Many pilots came and stayed, and many lifelong friendships were created. In Rankin Inlet Bob involved himself in the community by organizing dances, bingos, snowmobile races and even filled in as a DJ on the local radio station.

In 1976 Bob took a job with NWT Air and again moved his family to what would be home, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. He worked for Mr. Bob Engles managing the Petrocan Aircraft Refueling business at the Yellowknife Airport until his retirement in 1996. Bob was involved in the snowmobile racing association and the Lions Club in the early years. Bob loved hunting but especially fishing and taking his three daughters along with him. Bob and Shirley would divorce but he remained in Yellowknife.

Bob met Venora Erickson, they were married April 26, 1990 and made their home at Prelude Lake. They have lived at Prelude Lake for well over 30 years and He was often heard saying that he considered their home to be his Ponderosa. He loved, loved, loved the North, the fishing, the hunting, He loved their life and their friends at the lake. On December 24th, 2020 Bob had a stroke and was rushed to Stanton Territorial Hospital where he would remain until he passed away on February 18, 2021.

Bob was predeceased by his parents James & Mary (Mae) Stewart, his sister Mary Stewart and his great granddaughter Margaret Tammy Ellis Breen. Left to grieve is his wife Venora, his children Valerie (James Wilson), Tammy (Randy Hiebert), Cindy (Ellison Watkins), Robert Stewart Jr, and Theresa Francis. His ten grandchildren Mallory Breen (Torben), Kyle Pond (Christina), Samantha Saunders (Riley), Kendra Hiebert (Brady), Ryan Pond, Robert Digness (Giselle), Randy Hiebert Jr., Theresa Hardy, Stephanie Myers and Matt Stewart. He also leaves behind Eleven soon to be twelve great grandchildren. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a future date.

***MAY THE FISH ALWAYS BE BITING, THE SUN ALWAYS BE SHINING,
THE BEER ALWAYS BE COLD.***

UNTIL WE BAIT A LINE TOGETHER AGAIN