

Lucien (Lou) Rocher

April 24, 1934 ~ April 28, 2013

Lou passed away peacefully on Sunday evening with his family by his side. Lou was a resident of Extended Care at Stanton

Territorial Hospital for the past 9 years.

In 1957, Lou moved to Yellowknife and his sweetheart, Dorene, soon followed. They raised their five children in "the igloo" on the street that Lou and his chum, Jim Magrum, named Ragged Ass Road.

Lou was a prospector, diamond driller, woodcutter, commercial fisherman and landlord. He was a simple man who lived a simple, hardworking life. Lou and Dorene quickly became known in the Woodyard for their generosity and kindness. Their door was always open and they were considered a second family to many.

Lou and Dorene were in the business of caring for children who were in need of foster care and also provided accommodation for medical patients from all over the North.

Lou built many camps across the North for businesses and for his family. His passion for the land and aviation resulted in MacKay Lake Lodge being a successful outfitter business with his family. After selling the Lodge in the late 80s, Lou built a new camp at Languish Lake where he resided until his stroke in September 2003.

Lou was predeceased by his wife, Dorene in 1994.

His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will forever remember Lou and will carry on his legacy: Donna and Dave (Kelsey, Brayden, Evan and Hayden); Jeff and Juanita (Daniele and Renee); Mark and Val (Connor and Ashley); John and Mandy (John, Courtney, Dallas and Phoenix); Shelly and Murray (Danny, Carlee, Austin and Lathem)

A Celebration of Lou's life will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 2:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. A reception will follow at the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre.