

Matthew Lars Taylor

It is with great sadness that the family announces that Matthew Lars Taylor, age 18, died in a car accident in Red Deer, Alberta, on September 8, 2010.

He was born on June 9, 1992, and will be greatly missed by his parents, Mark and Jill Taylor and his brother Michael.

Matthew was born in Yellowknife and grew up in the Northwest Territories. He lived in Cambridge Bay, Norman Wells, and most recently in Hay River where he graduated from Diamond Jenness Secondary School in June of this year. Matthew loved to play hockey and soccer, and will be missed by his old teammates. He loved the outdoors, from dog sledding adventures across the north, to boat rides, tubing and beach excursions. He was great company for friends and family at the school, where he always brought along his big happy smile, good nature, sparkling blue eyes, and yes, the occasional prank. He loved to drive his mother's Ford Focus, especially with his wonderful girlfriend Brieanne, and his buddies who often hitched a ride.

Matthew worked part-time for the last two years at Kingland Ford in Hay River, and had recently enrolled at Red Deer College. Matthew is survived by his grandparents, Donna Taylor of Sheffield Mills, Nova Scotia, Lennan and Irma MacDonald, of Dundee, Nova Scotia, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Matthew was predeceased by his grandfather, Robert Taylor.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service led by Father Don Flumerfelt was held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Hay River, N.W.T. The service was followed by a reception at PA School. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Matthew may be made to The Matthew Taylor Memorial Fund at any Royal Bank branch (direct to 09859-003-5016621), or to the charity of your choice. The family wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to all the people in our community who have supported us at this time.

