

Norbert Vornbrock

Norbert Vornbrock, 82, of Milk River, passed away September 13, 2018, in Milk River, Alberta.

Memorial Services will be held at the Milk River Church of Christ at 2:00 pm on September 29, 2018 in Milk River, Alberta.

Norbert and his twin brother, Norman were born in southern Alberta in 1935. After working the family farm in Milk River for several years, he moved his family to Lethbridge and started a career in carpentry. While working on the University of Lethbridge, he took a job offer from PCL to work in the North. He developed a great love and passion for the North, especially Yellowknife. He was well liked and respected by the First Nations and Inuit peoples everywhere. He worked hand-in-hand with the local peoples while helping them to build better communities. He believed in sharing his knowledge and would teach anyone that was willing to learn.

Later on in life, Norbert moved to Calgary for several years and then back to his home town of Milk River to retire. But, his heart was always in the North. He would repeatedly say in a soft voice, "I miss the North. Yellowknife wasn't too bad of a place. I don't think I should have ever left there."

Norbert loved many things in life; hunting, fishing, gardening, music, and sports. But, what he loved most was playing cards and he was extremely good at it. He was a big, strong, hardworking man; an honest man and a man of his word. He undeservedly endured many losses and setbacks in life, but never let it harden his oversized heart and would never turn down a chance to help someone in need. He will be missed dearly by his friends and family.

Norbert is preceded in death by his parents; brother Richard; sons Timothy and Terrence; and daughter Patricia.

Norbert is survived by his daughter Valerie (Sandy) McPhee of Airdrie; son Thomas (Gena) Vornbrock of Yellowknife; four grandchildren, Clayton McPhee, Jennifer Vornbrock, Jarrett Vornbrock, Scott Bradshaw; and four greatgrandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Milk River Long Term Care Centre for their care and support.

