



Stephen Stewart Blair 1962-2009

Stephen Blair, 46, died peacefully on August 4, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Stephen was born in Amherst, NS, on September 10, 1962. He grew up in Northport, the only son of Stewart and Eileen, and older brother to Janet, Rosalie and Sheri.

In 1980, Stephen met Lora Abbott, the love of his life and the mother of their two children. Eric, 17, shares his father's infectious laugh. Megan, 15, has Stephen's beautiful blue eyes. Both are testament to their parents' unwavering love over the last 29 years.

Stephen and Lora lived in Iqaluit (Frobisher Bay) from 1984-1993, where he became a journeyman carpenter. He and Lora built their first home and celebrated the birth of Eric. They returned to Northport for 10 years, where Megan was born.

The north lured the Blairs back to Iqaluit in 2003. It quickly became home again, and home was where Stephen was happiest. Stephen had very simple needs: his beloved family and pets, friends, a good yarn, and laughter.

Stephen was larger – and louder – than life. His boisterous presence was felt the moment he entered a room. His laugh was legendary. It came from his gut, and it was the essence of Stephen Blair.

His death came suddenly and unexpectedly; his loss is immeasurable. He leaves behind Lora; their children, Eric and Megan; his parents, sisters, Lora's family, and cherished friends.

He will forever be remembered for his ability to love deeply and openly. His generous spirit will live on in those who benefited from his decision to become an organ donor.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Stephen Blair will be held at the Parish Hall in Iqaluit, on Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Stephen's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to a charity of your choice.