

FROMENT - (Ralph) Raoul Charles Joseph passed away at the age of 71, on Sunday, October, 21, 2007, after a long battle with heart disease. Ralph is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Maria of Kelowna, mother of his children Suzanne Froment of Yellowknife and Charles Froment of Kelowna; and Marlene Moore of Medicine Hat and the mother of his children Laura (Scott) Trebble of Medicine Hat and Richard (Terri) Froment of Yellowknife; and a step-son Tim (Rachel) Hazelwood of North Bay. Ralph is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Carrie, Darren, Nicole, Lauren, Harley, Wilder, Colette, Evan, Eric, Seth, Luke, and Ian. Also survived by his brother Bernard (Sandy) Froment of Goose Lake, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Ralph was predeceased by his father Charles, mother Aurore (St. Laurent), his son Laurent (Larry) and daughter Colette, and his brother Laurent (Larry).

Ralph became a chartered accountant with the firm Kinnard & Ayles in 1960. Shortly afterward, he and his family moved to Yellowknife where he worked with the firm of Ernst & Ernst. Ralph was instrumental in the foundation of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Northwest Territories and helped to create tremendous opportunities for northerners also interested in the pursuit of an accounting career. He established his own accounting firm, Froment & Co. in Yellowknife in 1970, and in 1983 he moved to Kelowna, where he continued work for several loyal northern clients. The world will not be the same with the loss of this great man, he had a huge heart, and knew what was important in his life - his family and friends.

As per Ralph's wishes, no service will be held. After cremation his ashes will be taken to the Coal Branch, Alberta, where he grew up and had many fond memories. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in his name, to a charity of your choice. Condolences to the family may be sent via email to: rcjf@shaw.ca or scott.trebble@shaw.ca. The family would like to thank Dr. Canning, Dr. Spelliscy, and staff at Kelowna General Hospital for all their kindness, support, and care during his final hours.

