



BRENT MACKIE

Brent passed away Sunday, October 18, 2015, at the age of 61.

Brent was born in Hay River on July 15, 1954, the second oldest of four boys. He grew up a true

northerner spending his childhood and teenage years in Hay River and most of his working life North of 60. For most of this time, Brent was employed by NorthwTel and worked for the company in Yellowknife, as well as Whitehorse and many communities in the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Northern BC.

He will be well remembered for his independent spirit, his quirky sense of humour, and underneath his gruff exterior, a good and kind heart. Along with his love of vehicles, playing pool and crib, Brent spent many hours in front of the TV cheering on his favourite team in whichever sport was on the screen at the time.

In the mid-80s while in Whitehorse, Brent met Sally and acquired not only a partner for life, but also an instant family with her two children Darryl and Tamara. He and Sally raised the children in Yellowknife and over time the family expanded to include spouses and five grandchildren – Austin, Brooklynn, Isaiah, Hannah and Hunter. Brent, who had never been overly "excited" about the idea of being a family man, became a responsible, caring, and loving parent and grandparent. Unfortunately, two years ago Brent became ill. He continued working and did the activities he could during a struggle with lung cancer. Brent is survived by his wife Sally, two stepchildren, five grandchildren, his three brothers Kevin, Duane (aka Joe), and Garth, their children, and grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents Jean (1996) and Basil Mackie (1992).

The family would like to thank the wonderful nurses on the ER and Pediatrics wards at Stanton Hospital. Their care and concern for Brent and the family was extraordinary. Thank you to Dr. Dierks, Dr. Livingstone, and Dr. Lee for their care throughout this journey and the final stay in hospital. Thank you to all our extended family and friends for your love and support during the past two years . . . Brent was so very grateful for it all.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE will take place in Yellowknife at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the Tree of Peace. *In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations in Brent's name be made to the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton.*