



# In Loving Memory

# Jahurath Begg

June 26, 1947 - October 29, 2006

Jahurath (Joe) Begg was born in BA, Fiji Islands. At the age of 21 Joe's life in Canada began. He arrived in Vancouver in February 1969, and worked for his older brother in the construction industry.

Joe lived for soccer. He played soccer in Fiji and played with the Vancouver Whitecaps before a knee injury in 1970 ended his soccer playing days.

In December 1972 Joe submitted an application for employment with Cominco head office in Vancouver. The very next day he received an offer of employment in Yellowknife. Joe moved to Yellowknife in February 1973. Cominco Con Mine sent Joe through the 4 year apprenticeship program in Fort Smith, Edmonton then Calgary. In 1981 Joe proudly accepted his papers confirming his qualification as a Journeyman Carpenter.

Joe met Margaret in March of 1974, at the Elks Hall Caribou Carnival dance, where they danced the night away. Joe and Margaret were married January 1977, in Fort McPherson. They raised a son Roshan and a daughter Nadira. Joe was so proud when his grandson Jamal was born in September 2000. Joe and Jamal were inseparable.

Joe loved cooking. His family and friends got a chance to enjoy his favourite food. He also loved gardening. He spent many hours in his garden and in the fall his family and friends got to enjoy vegetables from his garden. Joe loved fishing and hunting. He went on many trips with his hunting buddies, Charlie Overvold, George Greyeyes and Harvey Field. In 1981, he went moose hunting up the Peel River with his father-in-law the late John A. Tetlich and his brother-in-law the late David P. Charlie which was a successful trip. They got their moose.

Joe returned to Fiji a few times since his move to Canada in 1969. In May 2005 Joe left to Vancouver, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand returning to Fiji, Vancouver and back to

Yellowknife in August 2005. Joe enjoyed life and made many friends wherever he went. Joe loved teasing his nieces and nephews, and whenever they dropped by to visit they knew Uncle Joe would have something crazy to say to them. Joe had a serious side but everyone who knew him knew that he loved to tease and that he had a great sense of humor.



After being diagnosed, Joe wanted to travel to Vancouver to visit his family. On October 19th Joe and Margaret travelled to Vancouver. Joe was admitted to the Royal Columbian Hospital on October 25th. On October 29th he passed away peacefully with his family by his side. We are grateful that Joe did not suffer long. From the date he was diagnosed until the day he left us was a total of just over six weeks.

Joe's wish was to be buried in the Muslim religion. On October 30, 2006, a service was held at a Mosque in Richmond, BC. He was buried in Vedder View Cemetery in Chilliwack, surrounded by beautiful mountains.

Joe is survived by his wife Margaret, son Rosh, daughter Nadira and grandson Jamal. He also leaves behind a sister and brother in Australia, three sisters and four brothers in the Vancouver area and numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was predeceased by his mother and father, two sisters and two brothers.

Margaret, Rosh, Nadira and Jamal would like to thank all their friends and family, especially the BEGG family in BC, Esther and Allan Dobbs, the Charlie/Tetlich family, Edna and Peter Paul, Cheryl and Lew Voytilla, Bev and Magnus Bourque, the Ladies of the Royal Purple, Gwich'in Tribal Council and the people of Fort McPherson for your love, support and friendship through our loss of a husband, father and grandfather.

