

**Frederick Byard Keetch** of Lucknow, Ontario in his 57th year died with intermittent peace in Wingham Hospital on February 18th after fighting a long, courageous battle with pancreatitis and more recently liver cancer. Fred lived a full life despite his pain.

In his youth in Ajax, Ontario he was more athlete than angel with a special love for hockey where he excelled as a goaltender. He married Heather (nee Elliott) of Ajax and moved to Hamilton, Ontario where he worked in both the steel mill and office of Union Drawn Steel. Fred also coached and convened for the Scott Park Hockey Association in Hamilton as well as raised his children, a daughter Llori and a son Patrick with his wife Heather. During these years Fred shared many treasured, spontaneous, enjoyable adventures with his brother-in-laws Lorne and Larry Elliott and his late in-laws, Jack and Lucille Elliott.

In 1989 Fred and Heather moved to Yellowknife, NWT where they resided for 14 years until recently relocating back to Ontario to be closer to family due to Fred's declining health. While in the NWT, Fred worked for 2 years as a Community Liaison Counsellor at the Council for Disabled and wrote a weekly column for the Yellowknife newspaper. He and Heather travelled to many Inuit and Dene communities enjoying the lay of the land as well as the aboriginal culture with Fred's favourite northern trip being their road trip of the Yukon and Alaska Highway in 1992.

Fred is survived by his wife Heather, his son Patrick and his wife Cully of Hamilton, Ontario and his daughter Llori and her husband Steve and grandchildren Samuel and Gracie of Moorefield Ontario.

***To some you are forgotten  
To others just part of the past  
But to us who loved and lost you  
Our memories will always last***

Special thanks to Dr. Mark Moores and all the Palliative Care Nurses who attended Fred's needs in Wingham Hospital and previously Dr. John Morse and all the Homecare nurses who attended Fred's needs in Yellowknife.

