

Warren C. Plummer



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passed away peacefully at the Seven Oaks Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba on March 2, 2004 with his three children by his side.

He is survived by his children Valery Plummer, Chummy Plummer (Lori Poersch), Berva Bocklage (Dr. Joe Bocklage) and the mother of his children Adeline Plummer. Grandchildren Jorgen Bocklage (Sonja), Barrett Bocklage (Debra), Chandler (Alana) Bocklage, great-grandchildren Sophia, Barrett & Ross, his twin sister Jean Kies (Harry), their daughter Bonnie Piringer (Anton), and special friend Muriel Brown.

Warren was born in Swan River, Manitoba March 30, 1917. He began his career in the hotel and theatre business in Flin Flon, Manitoba. His passion for flying and fishing led him to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, where his dad had a business. In 1938 Warren and his father (Chummy) traveled by canoe with a two and half horsepower motor from Yellowknife on Great Slave Lake to the northeast end of the lake to a spot called Talthelei Narrows. The Narrows is the location where he established Great Slave Lake Lodge in 1949. He started by flying four fishermen from Sioux Narrows, Ontario. This now became his home and Sioux Narrows Airways Ltd. was born. Plummer's Great Bear Lake Lodge followed in 1959 and the Tree River Char Camp was established in 1960 (flying to the Lodges in chartered aircraft from Winnipeg). Warren's son, also named Chummy began working with his father when he was thirteen and carries on the Plummer tradition. Warren was instrumental in bringing tourism to the Northwest Territories and was a founder and past president of the NWT Tourist Association.

Warren lived his life to the fullest and upon retiring spent early spring and fall in Sioux Narrows, Ontario, summers in the Arctic and winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Our heartfelt thanks to Liz Rolls for her care-giving and compassion. Thank you the nurses and staff, 4th floor, Seven Oaks Hospital for their concern and attentiveness.

At Warren's request cremation has taken place and a private family commemoration will take place this summer at one of the lodges.

One of Warren's first airplanes purchased in September 1944, a CF-AZV-Stinson Reliant SR-8CM is in the Western Canada Aviation Museum. If so desired, a memorial tribute in his name: Warren C. Plummer, may be made to the Western Canada Aviation Museum Inc., Hanger T-2, 958 Ferry Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0Y8.