



Stephan Gyapay

The Gyapay family extends their sincere gratitude to the Cancer Care team at Stanton Territorial Hospital and staff at the Cross Cancer Institute and Hay River Regional Health Center for their compassion and care.

Stephan died in Hay River on February 27, 2021. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Christine, daughters, Ilona and Julia, sister Eszter Schwenke and brother-in-law Jülf, niece Andrea Schwenke Wyile and her two daughters, and sister-in-law Margrit Gyapay (predeceased by his brother Csaba Gyapay). Until his final moments, Stephan's spirit and gratitude for life and pride in his daughters shone bright.

Born in Léva, Hungary in 1941, Stephan came to Canada with his family in 1957 and completed high school in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC. Deeply connected to nature and sport, Stephan was an accomplished competitive paddler and national record holder in canoe and kayak and an avid cross-country skier and Nordic athlete. Stephan's passion for outdoor adventure and paddling first drew him north to the Anderson River in 1976. Stephan continued to explore the outdoors through his work and travels as a lands surveyor and project manager across the Canadian West and North. He keenly followed cross-country skiing through Ilona's skiing pursuits until his last days. Family and friends will cherish memories of Stephan's generous, gracious and good-humoured nature, love of art, music, languages, history, woodworking and gardening, and his avidity for literature, learning, and precision.