

# Antonio Francesco (Frank) Nogarín

June 12, 1937 - February 19, 2022

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Antonio Francesco (Frank) Nogarín, a retired woodworker and long-time Hay River resident passed away from complications of lung cancer in Hay River Regional Health Centre on February 19, 2022 at the age of 84. He was the widower of Lucy Nogarín (Nee Rash) and they shared 35 years together.

Frank was born in Mestre, a small town just outside of the city of Venice Italy on June 12, 1937. He was the only son of Calro & Gessupina and had 6 sisters. Frank served in the army and worked around Venice before leaving Italy and joining his sister Olimpia in Canada in 1967.

Frank worked in BC for the Canadian Pacific Railway on the Bridge & Building Gang until he found work at Riondel in the Cominco Bluebelle mine. Later he made his way to the Northwest Territories to work at Cominco's Pine Point Mine, another Lead Zinc mine. In nearby Hay River, he met and fell in love with his wife Lucy. She moved with him to Pine Point and started a family, in 1969. Frank was an equipment operator, then a building maintenance specialist, and after going to AVTC College in then Frobisher Bay, he got his interprovincial oil burner mechanics ticket. Frank continued to work at the mine, even after it shut down in 1987, moved his family to Hay River in 1989 and



continued to work at the Pine Point Site on the Final Closure crew which ended operations in 1992. Frank changed his path then, and instead chose to work in the field he was most passionate about, Woodworking. He went to work for Mo Villard at M.C. Woodright and worked happily in this profession until he retired.

Frank always enjoyed hunting and fishing from a young age, Later in life continued to Hunt Mushrooms & Fish around the Hay River & Pine Point areas until he was unable to do so.

Frank had a passion for woodworking, especially oak and exotic woods and most especially clocks.

Frank also had a passion for his Italian Culture which included, Cooking, Eating, Drinking and Enjoying the company of others in his home.

Frank is survived by his sons Franco and Dario, and granddaughter Kezia and sister Lina and his extended family; Duane Mackie & Heidi Selzler.

Frank left an undefinable impression on the people who got to know him. He inspired others without trying to do so. He attracted good people and they in turn made him a better person.

There will not be a funeral for Frank, rather there will be a celebration of life TBD this summer and the internment of his ashes in Pine Point next to Lucy and her parents.