Unexpectedly at the age of 62 years, Richard passed away in Yellowknife, NT. He is predeceased by his parents, Richard and Mary Allen and former wife Christine Doctor Allen. Richard is survived by his son Rick; daughter Mrs. Cindy Allen Jack (Joe); brothers Douglas and David; niece Ms. Jenna Allen; nephews, Marc, Mathew and Jordon Allen, and grandchildren Sahcho and Kwan Sha Jack.

Born in Columbia, South America, Richard spent his early years in Toronto before moving to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1960. In 1965, he joined the Hudson’s Bay Company and for the next five years was posted to various arctic communities, eventually settling in Yellowknife, where Cindy and Rick were born. Richard was a consummate artist. An award-winning photographer and talented graphic artist, he will be best remembered for his leather work, a craft he elevated to art for more than 30 years. Richard was known by his family and friends as a quiet and compassionate person who enjoyed mountain biking, nature and animals.

On July 4, 2008, a prayer and remembrance service was held at Lakeview Cemetery in Yellowknife, NT. Richard’s ashes and earth from Columbia were interred with Christine Doctor Allen at the request of his children. After the service a barbeque was held at Fred Henne Territorial Park at which family and friends enjoyed chili made from Richard’s recipe. Richard has been sadly and fondly missed by his family and friends in the north, Manitoba, Ontario, and British Columbia.

The Jack and Allen families would like to say thank-you, mahsi cho, to our friends and families, as well as Rita Graham, Wendy Eggenberger, Melissa Doctor and Keith Sangris, the staff at Stanton Territorial Hospital, Serenity Funeral Service in Edmonton, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, and the City of Yellowknife. Additional thanks goes to Dale Delorme for the cedar headboard, Ruth McCullough for the prayer service and Jim Baillie for the portrait paintings.

The Jack and Allen families also want to acknowledge and remember the following family members who are also with the Creator:

Mary Christine Doctor Allen (mother)  
September 30, 1950 - June 19, 2004

Albert (ABOO) Doctor (uncle)  
February 10, 1965 - January 2, 2007

Gabriel (Gabaye) Doctor Ekatcho (grandfather)  
June 14, 1914 - June 11, 1997