



Robert (Bob) Olaf Baetz

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Baetz on April 29, 2012 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Bob was originally from Ontario near the town of Neustadt in Bruce County. In the mid 1950's Bob moved west working several jobs eventually finding steady employment with the Hudson's Bay Company

in northern Alberta & Saskatchewan. In 1958 he moved further north to manage the Bay store in Inuvik where he later met his first wife Greta.

Bob lived, worked and raised his family in the North for the next 25 years. He also worked for Pacific Western Airlines and the NWT Liquor Commission in Inuvik, and for the Government of the NWT in Yellowknife. Throughout the early 70's Bob worked for the School Board in the newly constructed community of Edzo, later moving back to Yellowknife to operate an oil distributing company.

The move back south was in the early 80's where he began his trucking career and later met his second wife Judy. In 1994 Bob and Judy made the move to Anglemont, BC where they built their home and began enjoying the retired life. After Bob became ill, he and Judy moved to Medicine Hat in 2007 where he lived out the remainder of his years.

Bob was a devoted community volunteer and a founding member of the Inuvik and Yellowknife Lions Clubs. In 1980 he became the District Governor of District 37 representing Western Canada at many National and International Lions events. He served on the Yellowknife City Council from 1977 to 1979 as an Alderman and for many years was an avid participant, either organizing or playing on local fastball, broomball, curling or basketball teams.

Bob leaves behind one son, three daughters, two step-daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was survived by his wife of 21 years, Judy Marak-Baetz.

A service celebrating Bob's life will be held on Saturday, May 12 in Calgary, AB at Pierson's Funeral Home, 4121 - 17th Ave SE.

