



Clarence Bruce (Shorty) Brown

April 25, 1930 to June 8, 2007

**passed away peacefully on
Friday, June 8, 2007 in Yellowknife
with his family by his side.**

Clarence Bruce (Shorty) Brown was born April 25, 1930 at Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He went into the Canadian Military Reserves at the age of 14. Soon after leaving the military, Shorty's journey north took him to Redwater, AB where he was an oilfield worker on the rigs. In 1951, he was recruited to come North to play hockey at the age of 21, for the Town Indians hockey team in Yellowknife.

At age 25, Shorty traveled to Europe to play with the Dutch National Hockey team. There he met the love of his life, Engelina "Mickey" Brown. They were married

February 1, 1957. Having swept Mickey off her feet, they enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon at Northland Mine in the NWT. They settled in Yellowknife and started their family. Margo was the first to be born, Cindy arrived 3-1/2 years later and Rod, 3 years after that.

Shorty and Mickey's love of the North and sense of family kept them in Yellowknife all these years. This sense of family extended well beyond Yellowknife, covering the entire North.

Shorty was a pioneer in exploration and mining and this allowed him to travel extensively across the NWT and Nunavut where he made many life-long friends. After a successful career in mining, Shorty began another career in commercial real estate. Shorty was also passionate about kid's minor hockey. To that end, he promoted various programs and implemented improvements to the sport over his 55 years in the North.

He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, summers at the family cabin, wintering in Hawaii, putting in his garden and time with his coffee buddies.

Mickey was the greatest love of his life and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii, surrounded by family and friends.

Shorty was acknowledged for his accomplishments and was presented the Order of Canada, lifetime membership to the Chamber of Mines and lifetime membership to the Royal Canadian Legion, all of which he valued very much.

Shorty is survived by his loving wife Mickey, children Margo (Sheldon) and their children Breanne, Hailey, Jodi; Cindy (Malcolm), and their children Garrett, Carson, Warren; Rod (Buck & Josh). He is also survived by his brother, Fred; and sisters, Ruth and Loretta; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Shorty's life was held Friday, June 15, 2007 at 2:00pm at the Arctic Sunwest Hangar in Yellowknife, NT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stanton Territorial Hospital Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

If you have a story of Shorty you would like to share with his family, please send them to
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