IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that after losing his only daughter 1 week ago today, our father Lou passed away peacefully at the Aven Manor in Yellowknife, NT. He leaves to mourn four sons: Ralph from Yellowknife; Bruce and his wife Lenora from La Ronge, SK; Brian from Edmonton, AB; Shawn and Shireen from Yellowknife. He also leaves to mourn son-in-law Joe Leonardis from Yellowknife, along with many grand and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Margaret June Delany nee Peters (November 21, 2010); daughter Sheila Diane Leonardis Dec 24, 2016; and, granddaughter Laura Lynn Leonardis, April 24, 1978.

Lew and his family moved to Yellowknife in 1971 where he worked at Giant Mine for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. Lew was also an accomplished musician who played numerous instruments, but was best known for his talent at playing the accordion. He was a regular figure at the Saturday afternoon jam sessions at the Gold Range, played with several local bands, and represented the NWT at Expo ’86 as a musician ambassador.

We would like to thank all the staff at Aven Manor for their compassion, care, and commitment in looking after both Lew and Margaret during their time there.

The family will be holding a private memorial at this time and will announce a celebration of life at a future date so Lew’s many friends can gather to share stories, listen to accordion music, and pay their last respects.