

Frederick Lawrence (Larry) Gordon

August 25, 1948 — April 4, 2013

It is with great sorrow, that the Gordon family announces the passing of a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a dear friend to many. Frederick Lawrence (Larry) Gordon passed away in Parksville, BC, on April 4, 2013.

He was born near Aklavik, NT, on August 25, 1948. Larry, in his youth, was an active and enthusiastic athlete who enjoyed a variety of sports from baseball to curling. He rarely encountered a sport that he did not enjoy or did not excel at.

Larry met his future wife, Dianne, while they both attended school at Sir Alexander Mackenzie in Inuvik, NT. He lived at Stringer Hall, and Dianne at Grollier Hall. They truly were high school sweethearts and were married on April 24, 1971, at the Stringer Hall Chapel by Reverend L.P. Holman. Inuvik was always home and it is there they raised their four children Stewart, Aaron, Michael and Meagan. They were happily married for almost 30 years, before Dianne passed away in 2001.

Larry was a mentor and was known to his many cherished students as "Mr. Gordon". He was a teacher at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School for 25+ years. He taught from the heart and always looked back in gratitude because he had in some way changed many of the lives he touched. Larry volunteered a lot of his free time to the community throughout the years and had been recognized for his efforts by receiving various awards. Larry sat on numerous boards and committees, always lending a helping hand when needed.

After his teaching career, he then moved over to the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation lending his expertise in the field of Education. After Larry "retired", he found himself busier than ever with various committees and boards focusing on Health Care issues. Larry was a "Northern Scholar" and a great advocate for Education. He strongly believed that Education was the key to success for all Northern people and encouraged everyone to always challenge themselves to be greater.

Larry was a soft spoken gentle man. Always greeted you with a smile and words of encouragement. He was a great mentor, loved and cherished by many. He touched so many people in ways we will never know. "Be proud Dad".

Larry will be greatly missed by his children, Meagan, Michael, Aaron (Cathy), Stewart (Valerie), grandchildren Jeffrey and Kathleen, brothers Thomas (Joan), Noel (Jane) and Jason; sisters Helen (Mike), Valerie, Victoria (Mac), Melinda (Ross) and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Dianne Gordon (nee Hardy), parents Donald and Dorcas Gordon (nee Kakotak), sisters Fanny Rose Maring, Gloria Gordon and brothers Eric Lester and Willie Gordon.

A celebration of life was held for Larry at the East Three School in Inuvik, NT, on May 4, 2013.

The Family would like to send their deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the many people and organizations that helped and supported them during this difficult time.



His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today,
How Nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.

By Ellen Brenneman