



# William (Bill) Sidney Holden

*March 11, 1927 - March 14, 2004*

It is with deepest regret we announce the passing of William (Bill) Sidney Holden. Bill was born in Spring Creek, AB to Mary and Sidney Holden. After leaving the Armed Forces in 1953, Bill joined his parents in Yellowknife. In Yellowknife, Bill met Rollie and they were married in 1957. They celebrated 46 years of marriage in August 2003. He was an avid prospector, gardener, fisherman and extremely BIG storyteller. Bill was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion - 51 years, Elks - 49 years and a long time member of the Masonic Lodge.

One of Bill's greatest accomplishments was a garden, a very special garden. In order to celebrate Canada's Centennial, Bill and Rollie came up with an idea that helped put Yellowknife on the map. The thought was to get one pound of soil from all parts of Canada and build a beautiful garden. Letters went out, and the soil, flowers, trees, and other items started arriving. Students and teachers from the Public School and anyone who wanted to help, joined in the fun. Everyone put their heart and soul into the project and when it was completed, it was the most beautiful garden – it was the "Centennial Garden."

Bill is survived by his wife Rollie, daughter Sherry, his favourite son-in-law Darcy, granddaughter Nichelle, the apple of his eye, and two small furry companions that loved him dearly, Snikker and Bosco. Bill is also survived by a younger brother Lloyd (Marie) from Edmonton, AB.

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers, cards, food, concerns, and help. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses and Home Care who all went WAY above and beyond the call of duty to keep Bill comfortable and happy. Thank you to the coffee crew who helped keep all of us in good spirits. Thank you to lipstick kisses for her precious lips. To Joanne at Family Funeral Services for all her caring and hard work

There will be a memorial service on April 7, 2004 at 1:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church with reception to follow at the Baker's Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Bill can be made to Home Care, Box 608, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N5.

