MARSHALL JAMES WILSON
April 4, 1958 - October 3, 2017

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Marshall Wilson at the age of 59 years. Marshall passed away peacefully in his home in Beaumont with his wife Anne by his side, and family members gathered near.

Marshall was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, second son to William and Geraldine Wilson. The young family moved several times, and in 1970, settled in Yellowknife, NT, where Marshall attended public and high school. He went on to SAIT, graduating with a diploma in Structural Engineering Technology. Marshall returned to Yellowknife and was employed by Hovat Construction, before beginning his long career in 1980 with the NWT Housing Corporation until retiring in 2008. Following retirement, Marshall worked with FSC Architects part-time while providing care to his mother, allowing her to remain in her home in Yellowknife. In 2012 Marshall moved to Beaumont, Alberta where he and Anne made their home.

Marshall loved to cook and to feed people; there were many family gatherings at Christmas or Thanksgiving, and games nights with friends. His favourite summer pastime was riding his BMW motorcycle, exploring the area and finding small town coffee stops.

Marshall had a heart for seniors, with a strong belief in people aging in place and being provided the means to remain in their own homes. He was on the Board of the Beaumont Aging in Place Society for several years.

While not a traveller at heart (unless it was on two wheels), Marshall nonetheless made some memorable trips: to the Nahanni National Park to canoe the river; to Mexico to help his best friend Dave Murray pack up house; to Ontario to help Dave move, and later provide care after surgery; to San Francisco for a New Years’ getaway; to Iceland and England with Anne to visit extended family and see the sights, and many other travels over the years.

Marshall had a love of crosswords, and liked nothing better than to have a cup of coffee and sit at the kitchen table with a tricky crossword, looking out at the multitude of birds in the yard. His nimble mind and quick sense of humour were evident in conversations, whether in the grocery store lineup or over a meal with friends and family.

He brought courage and grace, as well as his sense of humour to his journey through cancer, touching the medical people who helped us as well as those sharing this difficult path.

Marshall is survived by his wife Anne; siblings Robert, Janet (Robbie), and Cameron (Shereen); nieces Elizabeth Wilson and Shae Taylor; nephews Brett and William Taylor; his Aunt Muriel (Luke) Smithers; Uncle Ron (Liz) Fleming and cousins. His extended family includes Ole (Marg) Loberg, Krista (Ken) Johnson, Karen (Jim) Suchla, and Mike (Melodi) Loberg; Adrian and Taryn Johnson, Jesse and Sydney Suchla, and Ariana, Athena and Aria Loberg; and Marshall was an important member of Anne’s family, which includes aunts, uncles and cousins.

Marshall was predeceased by his father William; mother Geraldine; sister-in-law Judith and his paternal uncle Douglas.

A Celebration of Life will be held October 14th in Beaumont at the Eagle Rock Golf Club from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. At a later date, a celebration will be held in Yellowknife.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the
Yellowknife Seniors’ Society (ykseniorsociety@theedge.ca) or the
University of Alberta Hospital Critical Care Unit (ufoundation@albertahealthservices.ca).