The remarkable, inspiring and passionate story of James Hutton Robertson came to a peaceful end on Monday, April 23, 2012. With his passing, the North, the West, the South and the East lost a great husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend and leader. James led an extraordinary seventy-three year life that touched countless people in endless ways. Born in Scotland in 1938, he seized adventure and opportunity heading to the north of Canada to learn the fur trade with the Hudson’s Bay Company in the late 1950’s. On settling in Inuvik, he immersed himself in a myriad of entrepreneurial ventures and northern politics for more than forty years. Business, family and personal passions took him around the globe with his deepest roots in Inuvik, Yellowknife, Edmonton, Kelowna, Palm Springs and, perhaps his favourite place of all, his ‘cabin’ at consolation Lake.

His list of endeavours and accomplishments was vast – those who knew him will easily assemble their own list of memories to frame a lasting and meaningful recollection of his life. James was innovative, yet practical. He was demanding, yet fair. He led people with a humble, down-to-earth nature and throughout his life he boldly followed his instincts in the same way. He made those around him feel special, appreciated and respected.

James is survived by his wife Glory, sons Bruce and Ian, sister Joan, brother Norman, first wife Dorothy, grandchildren, and close cousins, the Ford family.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE was held for James with family and friends on Saturday, April 28, 2012 in Calgary.