

Perry, William

March 16, 2023



William Perry

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of William (Bill) Perry, aged 70 years of Mortlach, SK, on Saturday, December 17th, 2022 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He kept his sense of humour to the end.

He was predeceased by his brother, Donald; wife, Beverly; mother, Jeannie (Little Bit); and father, David Perry. Bill will be sadly missed by family and friends: his wife of 18 years, Jean; daughter, Jennifer (Fraser) Phalen and grandchildren: Danielle, Kayla, and Skyla; daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Yakichuk and granddaughter, Everlee and grandson, Zack; daughter, Jenny (Darcy) Multon and grandson, Declan; daughter, Olivia and grandchildren: Quinn, Caleb, and Norah Jean; daughter, Valerie (Quinton) Wiebe and grandchildren: Jordan, Max, and Cole; daughter, Michelle (Cam) Patoine and

granddaughters: Candace, Ashley (Arron) Meiling, and Shannon; son, Gayland (Angie) Panko and grandchildren: Scout, Ellie, Rickon, and Ridley.

Bill was born on HMCS Bonaventure, Stadacona, Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia on February 27th, 1952. His father was in the Navy, so it was no wonder he went to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Peacekeeper in 1969. As a military family, they moved around quite a bit. Bill went to school in West Ward, Orillia, Ontario. He played hockey from a young age, as well as soccer.

Bill moved west in 1983 with his daughter Michelle after he lost his wife. Here in Moose Jaw, SK he remarried and coached soccer for Moose Jaw Youth Soccer. When he moved to Assiniboia, SK, he coached the Assiniboia High School Girl's Soccer Team. Bill joined the Assiniboia Rebels Booster Club upon arrival and served with them until 2013. Bill had attended Pambrum College and took Sports Medicine so he would be qualified to look after any injured players.

Bill was always very conscientious and community oriented, always offering to help putting floats in parades, as well as sitting on various boards and committees. He always lent a hand, whether at branding or helping someone fasten rafters or whatever. He was also on the fundraising committee for Ecole Ross School, raising money to purchase playground equipment for the children while in Moose Jaw.

Bill also drove for Moose Jaw Taxi for a number of years and he received the nickname of Wizard. He also worked and helped out at a number of businesses in the City of Moose Jaw, including Nick's Family Restaurant.

When the Moose Jaw Warriors moved to the Crushed Can in 1984, Bill became a Booster Club member and an off-ice official from 1984-2022 before moving to Assiniboia. He served as Treasurer of Assiniboia Metis and helped them with fundraising and Fish Fries, and also helped out cooking at St. Victor's Boogie. He was a great manager and owned Willy's Fish and Chips, but when the owner reneged on the sale of the property, Bill bought Prairie Produce. He also managed Assiniboia Subway until 2013 when he had become sick. He made it a very successful business

under his management.

Bill met his wife Jean in Assiniboia where they did everything together. When he returned to the Moose Jaw area (Mortlach), he again joined the Moose Jaw Warriors Booster Club and helped out with selling 50/50 tickets. You would always find him cooking at the Warrior tryouts as he was a great chef. He volunteered on the MacDas committee in Mortlach and helped bring in the vendors for the Saskatoon Berry Festival. He was also "Santa" at the Town and Country Mall in Moose Jaw for a number of years, as well as at a number of houses, schools, and other functions though out the city, Mortlach and Chaplin.

Bill was a respected Core Commissionaires Representative in Moose Jaw from 2016 until his passing. He was also a Security Guard for both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He spent his last years at Social Services in Moose Jaw.

Bill reorganized the New Southern Plains Metis Local #160. He recorded minutes and posted the elections for officers in various papers. On October 1st, 2016 Bill was voted in as vice-president.

Upon arriving in the small town of Mortlach, Bill and Jean fell in love with the town and neighbours. He helped build a fence around our yard, as well as our privacy fence. Bill was known as a chef but was very capable in other areas of life as well.

The family would like to thank the Allan Blair Cancer Society, Saskatchewan Telemiracle, Home Care Services, all of the nurses and doctors, the neighbours who blew snow so we could get out, helped Jean with her projects, stayed with Bill so Jean could go to town for groceries, giving her a shoulder to cry on or just being there, as well as to everyone involved including family and friends.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Friday, March 31st, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Briercrest Hall in Briercrest, SK. A private family interment will take place in Blue Hills Cemetery at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Bill's name may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth – Intern Funeral

1.



Elwood & Vern Lynds on December 19, 2022 at 9:10 pm

Most heartfelt condolences Jean and all Bills family. RIP Bill

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2.



shirley tillie on December 20, 2022 at 8:16 am

Deepest sympathy to Jeannie, Jeanette and Louise and families. I have known Bill since the 1970's. Always a very busy guy. RIP.

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3.



Suzanne Foote on December 20, 2022 at 9:34 am

So sorry for your loss. Your dad's obit reads like he was a wonderful person. It's sad to meet my first cousin this way. My mom (Jeanne-Mance) and Little Bit were sisters. We didn't get to know mom's side of the family much because it was hidden that we are aboriginals. Would love to hear from family.. xoxoxo Suzanne Foote

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Christine Lacharite on March 22, 2023 at 10:40 am

Hi!

I am Bill's niece, Christine. Second born child of his sister Louise Perry. Would also love to meet more of this side of the family.

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4.



Sonia Shalewa on December 20, 2022 at 6:16 pm

Dear Michelle & family,

We express our sincerest condolences on the passing of your father. May your happy memories help heal your heart. May you know friends and family are near and care. We share your loss. Hugs, Sonia & John Shalewa Edmonton

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5.



[Orville and Mavis Myrvang](#) on December 21, 2022 at 7:52 pm

Our most sincere condolences to Jean and all Bill's family in his passing. Bill will be greatly missed by everyone!

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6.



Bonnie McBride on December 22, 2022 at 6:37 am

I send my deepest condolences for your loss Jean and all your family, Bill was a wonderful man and has left a great legacy. May you find peace and love in your family and memories to heal a broken heart.

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7.



Michelle Perry on December 22, 2022 at 12:10 pm

Miss you so much dad!

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8.



Eric Sanftleben on March 19, 2023 at 12:20 pm

So sorry for your loss, Jeanne and family.

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9.



Ron Rumble on March 20, 2023 at 10:31 am

My condolences Jean. Treasure your memories.

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10.



Margaret kupper on April 16, 2023 at 7:16 pm

I was sorry to hear of Bill's passing. When we lived in Assiniboia, we ate at his cafe many times and enjoyed visiting with him. I celebrated my 65th birthday there and Bill and Jean served a lovely roast beef supper for my family and friends, so we occupied the whole cafe for a few hours.

RIP Bill

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11.



Michelle Perry on May 31, 2024 at 11:50 am

My heart is still broken dad!! I didnt want you to go i wanted to keep you with me forever. Everlee is doing good, she will be 4 next month and misses grandpa all the time. Until we meet again, Ill always love you.

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