



Clifford Edward Doonan

May 6, 1955 – May 14, 2017

Cliff was born in Pouce Coupe to Dalton and Norma Doonan. He was # 10 in a family with 3 brothers and 6 sisters. Cliff grew up at Mile 10 on the Alaska Highway.

Cliff always liked "mechanicing" It was hard work fixing Cats in cold weather and it was also dangerous work being under the parachute exposed to diesel exhaust. He loved it and when he returned to Dawson Creek (from a short time in Whitehorse) he hired on with

Borek Construction and was proud of the fact

that he had worked in such remote places as the Arctic, Norman Wells, Inuvik and Greenland. He was with Borek for 29 years.

Cliff also enjoyed carpentry. He built almost everything needed in a home and helped build his and Sandy's home at Mile 9.

After working on the railroad as a teenager, Cliff fell in love with trains. He had a complete set: trains, village, and yard. He was always happy to show it off to kids.

In October, 2003, Cliff met Sandy Hennigar. Their relationship grew and they built a life together in Rolla. Cliff was very happy in Rolla. He loved to dance and attended the dances in Rolla and Doe River whenever possible. One of the highlights of his year, for 9 years in a row, was when he and Sandy put on the fireworks display at Halloween for the Rolla community. Two years ago Cliff and Sandy made the move to Mile 9 to live by Dan and Cathie. Here too they made a lot of good memories. Cliff pattered around the yard, tinkered on his beloved vintage tractors. He even converted a riding lawn mower to propane.

Over the last 15 years Cliff enjoyed his motorcycle. He loved just going out for a tour and was very happy that he and Sandy had the opportunity to ride to Montana and Idaho on their bikes.

In 2008 Cliff and Sandy took a trip to back to the Yukon and Alaska with Dan and Cathie. In 2013 the two of them went to Bella Coola to visit with Sandy's son Jasen and family. These two trips were highlights for Cliff and something that he would have enjoyed repeating given the chance.

Cliff loved his pets and in Rolla could often be seen with his best bud Tuffy riding on his motorcycle and later at Mile 9 with Oreo riding on his tractor.

The family would like to thank the Community of Rolla for their support in raising funds to purchase the bypap and oxygen machines. Cliff was grateful and humbled by your generosity. We would also like to thank the Dawson Creek Hospital Staff for taking such good care of Cliff during his stays in the hospital. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Venter, Irene Stoyles RRT, the Ambulance Attendants and the RCMP. We will be forever grateful for your kindness.

Sandy is very grateful to Dan and Cathie for all their loving support and care. Cliff loved his family and is survived by his loving wife Sandy, his children Wayne (Wanda) Doonan, Yvonne (Brandon) Germain, stepsons Jasen (Sasha) Chouinard, and Jammie (Tina) Hennigar, his siblings Dolores (Ernie) Paradowski, Eva (Mike) Keel, Florence (Neil) Van Tassel, Art (Pat) Doonan, Dan (Cathie) Doonan, Eleanor (John Szlauko) Peck, Zelda Pearson as well as many, many grandchildren, one great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Cliff's life was held May 20th at the Rolla Hall. Donations can be made in Cliff's name to the Dawson Creek & District Hospital Foundation to help purchase respiratory equipment.