

LOVE
IS FOREVER



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
Shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff
They comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

~ Psalm 23 ~

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. Vincent Crichton

Age 78 years



Order of Service

*Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00 am
Thomson "In the Park" Funeral Home
1291 McGillivray Boulevard*

Welcome and Introduction

Family Memories

Julia, Susan, Kim

Tribute Video

Reflection

Reverend Elizabeth Brown

Wildlife Video

Prayer

Amazing Grace

Blessing of Vince's Spirit

Blessing

Beloved husband of Kim, Dad to Scott (Vita), Susan (Craig) and Grampy to Julia, Vince is now at rest.

Vince was born in Chapleau, Ontario to Vincent and Dora Crichton. His love for this small town remained steadfast and he continued to spend his summers at "camp" at Mulligan's Bay, forever working on projects; taking the boat "up river" to reminisce about the memories around every corner; dropping in on longtime friends; and sitting on the porch reflecting and listening to the call of the loon.

Vince's passion for the great outdoors and wildlife began as a young boy spending time in the bush with his dad who was the Fish and Wildlife Supervisor for the Chapleau area. He earned his Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees at the University of Manitoba, and his Doctorate at the University of Guelph in the field of wildlife diseases. This led to Vince's career, starting as a regional wildlife biologist for the Province of Manitoba and retiring after 40 years as the Manager - Game, Fur and Problem Wildlife. He developed an intense passion for moose and spent much of his career focused on moose biology and management. He came to be recognized internationally and was an invited speaker at numerous conferences and speaking events around the world. In particular, Vince looked forward to the yearly North American moose conferences as well as his travels to international moose conferences, where he developed and maintained his special network of kindred spirits, affectionately called "the moosers".

In November, Vince's contributions were recognized in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, through a Private Member's Statement acknowledging his passion, dedication and commitment to moose management provincially, and around the world. He was also the first ever recipient of a honorary moose hunting license from the provincial Department of Agriculture and Resource Development. This recognition provided great joy and pride for Vince, and his family, during his last weeks.

After retirement, Vince's passion turned into advocacy to protect the moose he loved so much, never missing an opportunity to inform, educate and work to get people "into the same canoe, paddling in the same direction". On November 7, Vince's 78th birthday, CBC aired the documentary titled - "Giants of the Boreal Forest" which documents Vince's work and passion and will serve as a special legacy for generations to come

Riding Mountain National Park was Vince's Manitoba home. In the spring and fall he spent much of his time cameras in hand, searching for, documenting and monitoring the patterns of the park moose. Every day at dawn and dusk, Vince's truck could be seen driving up and down Highway 10 or biking the Strathclair Trail on the search for his "rubber nosed swamp donkeys". After Julia was born, he could be seen with her in a carrier on his back, then in her "chariot" being pulled behind him on his bike, and later beside him on her own bike - teaching her how to call moose; learning where and what they eat; and seeing them up close and personal.

Most importantly, Vince was a much loved husband having celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with Kim in May. He was a respected and adored dad, who will forever be loved by Scott and Susan. And, he was a grampy. He shared the most special relationship with Julia - she brought the joy for him every single day. While there is an incredible hole in the world without Vince - he has left an imprint that will be impossible to not think about and reflect upon daily.

A private memorial service was held on Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am.