



**JOHNS,
Robert "Bob" Earl**

Bob Johns passed away peacefully November 7, 2018 at Seton AgeCare in Calgary, Alta.

He was born April 13, 1941 and grew up on the family farm near Zelma, Sask. He graduated from the

University of Saskatchewan with his B.ED. and began his teaching career in Swift Current where he met his wife, Arlene Adams. They taught in Imperial and then made the decision to move to the N.W.T., where they remained for 37 years. They taught in several communities including Discovery Mine, Yellow Knife, Hay River and Pine Point. They raised their family of three and Bob was an active leader in all of these communities, sharing his talents in teaching, drama, and wit. He was passionate about music and played the saxophone, banjo and harmonica, and shared a beautiful tenor voice. He found being a part of the volunteer fire department to be one of the most rewarding things he ever did. In 1985 while teaching in Pine Point, Bob suffered a debilitating stroke. The decision was made to return to Hay River where Arlene continued teaching. In 1999 they moved to Calgary, Alta. Despite the challenges of being confined to a wheelchair Bob always maintained a positive attitude. In Calgary he joined an Alberta Wheelchair curling team, winning provincials and travelling to nationals where the team took the silver medal. He will always be remembered for his love of history, archaeology, and anthropology. This led to many trips and cruises to explore the world.

Bob was predeceased by his children, Bryant and Catherine Mary; his parents, Earl and Jean Johns.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, Arlene; daughter, Connie Johns (Doug Ashby) rural Medicine Hat; daughter-in-law, Patsy Johns of John D'Or Prairie; seven grandchildren; brother Lloyd (Noreen) Johns of Zelma; sister Sharon (Richard) Shout of Saskatoon.

A celebration of Bob's life was held at Choice Memorial in Calgary on November 12.

Burial will take place at a later date in the family plot at the Zelma Cemetery.

"Bob traded in his wheelchair for wings and I'll bet he's the goofiest Angel this side of the rainbow. Rest easy!" (Granddaughter, Alexandra Hinchey)