

Gerald Antoine Bonin



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gerald Antoine Bonin. Gerald passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 at the Dr. Gendreau Personal Care Home at the age of 63 years.

Gerald was born on July 27th, 1950 in Ste. Rose du Lac. He was the 2nd eldest of 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl to Antonio and Rose Bonin (Lahaie). Gerald received his education in Ste. Rose du Lac until he went to work for his dad operating heavy equipment. Gerald was an exceptional cat operator having learned from the best. In 1970, Gerald decided to go to work in Sparwood, BC in the coal mine, but preferred to start his own business as Gerald Bonin Construction in 1972. In 1981, Gerald wanted to try his hand at farming. He purchased land from his uncle Alphonse and farmed until 2005. In July 2006, Gerald made his home at the Dr. Gendreau Personal Care Home until his passing on October 1, 2013.

Gerald was predeceased by his parents Antonio in 1987, Rose in 1973, his brother-in-law Cam Haun in 1990, his father-in-law George Vandenbosch in 1995, and his grandparents Zotique Bonin in 1971 and Marie Anne Bonin in 1970.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish many fond memories; his loving wife of 41 years Linda, his sons Dean and his friend Christina and Richard and his wife Michelle, his 5 grandchildren Farrah, Bristol, Madyson, Dayton and Colter, his siblings Leo (Valerie) of Kamloops, BC, JoAnne, Denis, Ronald (Shelly) all of Ste. Rose du Lac, his mother-in-law Agnes Vandenbosch and his brothers-in-law Ronald (Sharon) of Ste. Rose du Lac, Paul (Claudette), Gerry (Karen) both of Ste. Amelie and Daryl (Karen) of Ste. Rose du Lac as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Gerald was held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 10:30 AM in the Ste. Amelie Cemetery. Fr. Leo Fernandes officiated. The eulogy was read by Gerald's godchild and niece Kristie Bouchard. Urnbearer was Linda Bonin.

Should friends so desire, memorial donations may be made in memory of Gerald to the Dr. Gendreau Personal Care Home, Box 420, Ste. Rose du Lac, MB, R0L 1S0 or to the Ste. Amelie Cemetery Fund, RR 2, Ste. Rose du Lac, MB, R0L 1S0.