William (Willie) Richard Joseph Jeffries

It is with great sadness to announce the very sudden and unexpected passing of William (Willie) Richard Joseph Jeffries. He is survived by his wife, Susan, his children, Meghan (12) and Brady (10) of Ottawa, ON. He is also survived by his sister, Marlene (Jason Ness) of Victoria, BC, his Father, Jeff (Val Beauregard), and his Mother, Lorraine, of Port Alberni, BC.

Willie grew up in Port Alberni, developing a love of the west coast and all associated activities, fishing most especially. Having worked as a fishing guide through many summers, he leaves behind many good fishing buddies and memories of fish that were caught and, of course, fish that got away.

After marrying Susan, life and employment took him to Ottawa, where he worked as a biologist for the Health Canada. While in Ottawa, Susan and Willie started a family, bringing the beautiful Meghan and Brady into this world, both of whom he loved above all else. More than anything, he would want his children to move forward in life with the knowledge of his love and pride in them.

Throughout his life from BC to Ontario, he also gained a passion for the sport of curling. Having started curling at a young age, he competed a number of times at the BC junior provincial championships. After moving to Ottawa, he became a very accomplished curler, competing at, and at times winning, numerous events around the province. Willie was known for his heartbreaking, pirate-like wins in extra ends which earned him the nickname of ‘Captain Black’ amongst his curling mates. Whether they curled against him or with him on the same team, Willie leaves behind many good curling friends across the country.

Willie, aka Will-Dog aka T-Bone aka Captain Black, left us much too early. We will always remember his smiling face and teasing ways, and his propensity towards logic and reason which won many discussions as well as many games. Whether as a loving father, husband, son, brother or friend, he will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him in any capacity.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Ottawa, ON at the Ottawa Curling Club on September 8th, 2018 at 1:30 pm. **Another Celebration of Life will be held** in **Port Alberni, BC at the Alberni Valley Curling Club on September 29th, 2018 at 1 pm.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Willie's memory to Indspire, furthering indigenous post-secondary education in Canada (https://indspire.ca/)."

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Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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