



GRANDPA, THE
LOVE IN OUR
FAMILY FLOWS
STRONG AND
DEEP, LEAVING
US MEMORIES TO
TREASURE AND
KEEP. WE LOVED
YOU YOUR
WHOLE LIFE,
AND WE WILL
REMEMER YOU
FOR THE REST
OF OURS.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
TEDDY (JUMBO) BIGNELL

MAY 1ST 1943 - FEBURARY 14TH, 2025

OBITUARY



Grandpa was born on May 1, 1943, to Sam and Clara Bignell in Carrot River. He was the second oldest of 12 siblings. Grandpa and Granny were married for 52 years.

At the age of 15, Grandpa left home to work with CN Rail. He had many trades and worked across Western Canada (MB, SK, AB, BC) as a heavy-duty operator. Grandpa had a sharp business mind; he bought a taxi business and transported many OCN members to and from town.

Grandpa was skilled in many areas and passed on his knowledge to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He encouraged them to never give up.

Despite his disability, Grandpa never allowed it to discourage him or slow him down. He loved to travel and knew the shortcuts across Western Canada.

A self-taught man, Grandpa's mind remained sharp at the age of 82. He kept up with technology and always got the newest iPhone when it came out. When he wasn't doing his crosswords or playing Solitaire, he was on his computer looking for things to purchase. If he didn't see his grandchildren, he would FaceTime them just to say hello and ask how school was going.

Grandpa enjoyed watching his Western shows, and his favorite actor was John Wayne. He also enjoyed recording his daytime program, The Young and the Restless.



In the late 60s, Grandpa resided in Barrows, MB, where he had a daughter named Carmel, who he searched for endlessly after she was taken in the 60s scoop. They were reunited in 1998 when she returned to Canada. It was a memorable moment for Grandpa. They stayed in contact through Facebook and Sunday phone calls until her passing.

Grandpa was a bit of a hoarder and made use of many things he refused to throw away. If you needed a gadget, Grandpa was sure to have it on hand.

Grandpa had numerous friends family and acquaintances, too many to mention. Everyone he met had a great story to tell about him.

Grandpa is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lillian; his daughter Jennifer; his son Norman; his grandchildren; his great-grandchildren; and his furry friends, Finnagan and Philosophy.

Grandpa is also survived by his siblings: Louisa Lathlin, Carrie Partridge (Andrew), Annie Buck (Peter), Madeline Lathlin, Nathan Bignell, and Blanche Sewap (Agnus), as well as his brother-in-law, Stan and Lori McGillivary.

Grandpa is predeceased by his parents, Sam and Clara Bignell; his brothers: Harvey, Jonah, Tom, and Simon; his sisters: Mary and Gladys; his children, eldest son, Teddy Jr.; his daughter, Carmel; and his Step sons Robert and Kenny Banhegy.

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Grandpa is also predeceased by his in-laws: Mary and Matthew McGillivary, Irene and Solomon Cook, Ron McGillivary, Louise Rolston, Christina and Sid Gamble, and Vicky and Bernie Ducharme.

Grandpa is predeceased by his great-grandson, Anagonse Williamson.

Wake

Friday February 21st 2025

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall

Funeral service

Saturday February 22nd

1:00 pm

Church of the Redeemer

Presider Reverend Flora Young

Music Ministry Russell Cook Memorial

Singers

In keeping Grandpa's wishes, cremation
will take place at a later date.