



*In Loving Memory
of
Curt Whachell*

Curt Whachell (January 26th, 1926 – March 11, 2013)

Born William Wachal to Walter Wachal and Antonia Kubesh on January 6, 1926 at Ladywood, Manitoba. Billy Boy (as he was lovingly called by Baba Kubish) didn't live at home with his parents and three siblings, but lived with Baba and Grandpa Kubish until he left home at 15 years of age to work in dining cars on the railways. The call of the wild was more appealing to Bill and he learned to operate heavy equipment for Simpkins Construction. One of his projects with Simpkins brought him to The Pas, Manitoba where he met Rose, a nurse's aid, working at a TB clinic.

He married Rosaline Florence Hinz (Heintz) on November 25th, 1949 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Curt and Corae Whachell raised seven children: Wayne, Allynne, Jonn, Dean, Robbin, Nollind, and Jacqueline.

Bill was truly a Canadian pioneer. He worked on the Winnipeg Floodway; oversaw construction of the Trans-Canada Highway from Brandon to Lake of the Woods; and was superintendent for the Simpkins project for the clearing and building of roads from Wabowden to Thompson. After Bill left Simpkins he started his own company, Wachell Construction as well as a gas and service station, while Rose ran the adjacent restaurant. He moved freight across frozen lakes to Norway House by caterpillar and dismantled radar sites near Churchill.

Bill and Rose Whachell raised seven children: Wayne, Linda, Ronald, Daniel, Catherine, David, and Jacqueline. A true rugged outdoorsman, Bill loved to fish and hunt. Favourite family outings usually involved camping. Always seeking adventure, he had many stories of survival and near-death experiences.

In 1969 Bill moved his family to Alberta. Closer to the mid-70s he was hired as the manager of road works for Standard General Construction managing 2200 employees. In 1976 William (Bill) changed his name to Curt Whachell. Curt and Corae lived between their acreage home in Carbondale and their city home in St. Albert.

Curt moved to Wells, BC in 1980 to try his luck at gold mining. It is there that he met his second wife and he married June Makeyev on August 1, 1998 in Barkerville, British Columbia. Curt became a father to Aimee and Matthew.

Curt and June mined and worked together in the tourist frontier town of Barkerville where he was the stagecoach driver. Barkerville was also the backdrop of their 1800s' style wedding. Their wedding bands were made from the gold they mined.

They moved to Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island in May 2011. Curt spent his final days in Arrowsmith Lodge. He was known for his great smile, infectious laugh and good-natured banter.

He is survived by his loving wife June Whachell, and his first wife Corae Hionz (Rosaline Hinz).

Curt was a loving family man with 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He died at the age of 87.

Siblings: Lawrence Wachell, Dora Marquart; and the late Elbie Krasey.

Children: Allynne Nixon, Wayne Wachell, Jonn Whachell, Dean Whachell, Robbin Whachell, Nollind Whachell, Jacqueline Wachell, Aimee Johnston, Mathew Johnston

Grandchildren:

Rea Dann, Davyde Wachell, Michael Wachell, Curt Whachell, James Maltby, Alannah Maltby, Roxsane Whachell, Jared Whachell, Kaayla Whachell, Kiaana Whachell, Odesah Whachell, Loryn Blower, Tohni Blower, Nathen Blower, Jackie Blower, Lorea Whachell, Sollena Hillstrom, Samaya Whachell, Breonna Whachell, Ivan

Johnston, Jennefer Small, James Nixon, and Rayne Babakaiff, Kelly Rosenberger, Dylan Roussy.

Great Grandchildren: Nissi Dan, Crus Dan, Orean Whachell, Tonnear Whachell, Isaac Whachell, Ashleigh Small, Sarah Small, and Jordan Small.

Celebrating the Life of Curt Whachell

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First Memorial Services, Nanaimo, BC

March 16th, 2013

Celebrant: Fred Massey

Pre-service music: Hallelujah by K.D. Lang

The Lord's Prayer

23rd Psalm

Song (together): Amazing Grace

Eulogy: Wayne Wachell

Song (together): I'll Fly Away

Messages of Remembrance – Open Mic

Post-service music: Could I Have This Dance? by Anne Murray

Reception at Quality Resort Bayside, Parksville





23rd Psalm:

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' 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 annointest 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.





Note: A Facebook memory page, and a hardcover Memory Book will be created this year for Curt Whachell by his daughters with photos and memories. Email: RobbinWhachell@gmail.com

Curt's son Nollind has created a website in memory of his father. Go to Curt.Whachell.com

Curt struck gold, when he met and married June Makeyev



Brother Lawrence, mother Antonia, and Bill



Rose and Bill Whachell with their seven children



Bill with his four oldest children. From left to right: Linda, Wayne, Ronald and baby Daniel.



1930s: Billy Boy Wachal (center) with his two sisters Elbie and Dora, his mother Antonia (pregnant with brother Lawrence) and father Walter.



Brother Lawrence; Curt; and father Walter

