



Eugene "Gene" Mercer Obituary

Passed peacefully away in his sleep at HSC, Eugene (Gene) Mercer aged 80 of St. John's on Friday November 1, 2019. Predeceased by his parents Mildred and Eugene Mercer, and his sister Winnifred Dale.

Leaving to mourn with heavy hearts his loving wife of 54 years, Golda, his children Tony (Kelly) of Houston, Tx, Andrew of Old Shop, and Tanya (Omar) Herrera of Houston, three beloved grand children Camden Mercer, St. John's, Shannon Mercer and Ingrid Herrera of Houston, Tx. Siblings Alice (Robert) Cater, Grand Falls, Edwin (Elizabeth) Mercer, St. John's, and brother-in-law Eric Dale, Shoal Harbour, sister-in-law Marion (Terry) Ford, St. John's, brother-in-law Glynn (Esther) Norman, Fredericton and Rex (Susan) Norman of Toronto as well as the many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Gene was a graduate of Memorial and obtained a Masters in Big Game Biology from Madison, Wisconsin in the 1960's. He went on to work with the NL Wildlife division where he was instrumental in establishing moose and caribou management plans/hunting zones in the early 1970's which still exist today. Gene was also a founding member of WERAC which helped to establish the Avalon and Bay Du Nord Wilderness Areas. Gene had a passion for all things NL, whether camping, canoeing, hunting, fishing or snowmobiling in the most remote parts of NL and Labrador, there are few who have seen as much of it as he has. He also enjoyed cruising around the Province in a succession of boats over the years and spending time at his fly-in cabin in central NL and the family cottage in Port De Grave. He did it all while belting out Irish-NL tunes in his deep baritone voice.