



It is with deep sorrow and regret that the family of Harald H. Metzner (age 55) must announce his passing. He was killed instantly in the evening hours of Aug. 6th, 2004 on highway 105, south of Perrault Falls, Ontario after striking a moose.

Harald was born in Germany on Dec. 17th 1948 and came to Canada at the age of eight. He and his parents settled at Flat Lake, ON and that is where he developed his lifelong love of airplanes. As a child Harald would often go flying with Flat Lake resident and owner of Fathom Drilling, Percy Atkin. Many were the days that he spent fishing off the float of a Cessna 180.

He completed his early education at Red Lake District High School in 1967. In 1968 Harald left town in a V.W. Beetle to take on the world and attend forestry school in Dorset ON. Upon graduation, he was asked where he wanted to be posted. Anywhere but Red Lake, he replied, but Red Lake was where he was sent. His first job was as a timber scaler for the M.N.R., his last, as a long haul truck driver. In between, he lived a rich life being everything from a machinist on a Great Lakes ship to a commercial floatplane pilot. He settled for a time on the west coast most notably on Cortes Island, British Columbia. During these years he owned a sailboat and extensively explored the B.C. coast. He often expressed his desire to provision the boat and sail the world. The pull of the Red Lake area was too much however as he returned in 1985. He bought a Stinson floatplane and became deeply involved with flying, eventually becoming a commercial Norseman pilot. During the last few years of his life, he was a long haul trucker based out of Winnipeg, MB driving throughout Canada and the continental United States. He loved the ocean, the sky, and the open road. He left an impression wherever he went and everyone who was lucky enough to have known him will miss his unique views.

He was a devoted father, son, brother and uncle. He is survived by his parents, Hans and Annemarie Metzner, a daughter, Selina Metzner, a son, Harlan Metzner and their mother, Josie Hagedorn, 2 brothers and their wives, Tom and Shara Metzner, Ralph and Michelle Metzner all of the Red Lake, Ontario area, 2 nephews, Brandon Metzner and Dustin Metzner of Mound City, Kansas, and many relatives living in Germany.

A small family funeral and visitation was held on Wednesday, August 11th, 2004 at Stevens Funeral Home, 214 Howey St. Red Lake. Interment of his cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Red Lake Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice.