

# Obituaries

## Meredith Alyssa Ivall



Meredith Alyssa Ivall was born March 7, 1990 in Atikokan Ontario. She completed high school in Atikokan and received many awards including the Michael Smith Award, and the Thomas Oppenheimer Award. Meredith left Atikokan to go to Halifax where she began her university education at Dalhousie University. In June 2011 her studies were interrupted and she began her first fight with cancer. She returned to Northwestern Ontario to beat her cancer with the help of Dr. Vergedis and the oncology team at Thunder Bay Regional Cancer Centre. In January 2013 Meredith resumed her university studies at the University of Waterloo as a Pharmacy Student. While studying in Waterloo she also completed her Bachelor of Science Degree at Dalhousie University. As of June 2015, she was 14 months away from earning her doctorate in pharmacy when her cancer returned. She was in the midst of working on her co-op placement at Beechwood Wellness Pharmacy in Waterloo. Meredith was proud to have worked as a pharmacy student at Atikokan Pharmacy, and Woi's Pharmacy. Meredith's experience as a student Trustee for the Rainy River District School Board was the first stepping stone to being a student intern for the Ontario Pharmacist's Association. Meredith also worked as a Lifeguard in Atikokan.

Meredith's life was full of awards and accolades. In her most recent semester, she was proud to have made the Dean's list. The honours she received were the result of her drive and determination to do well at everything she put her mind to. Meredith would chuckle at a motto she had on her apartment wall "Fake it until you make it", there was nothing fake about Meredith. Meredith was courageous in her fight with cancer and in all challenges she faced. Meredith exemplified the idiom "grace under pressure." Meredith had a zest for life, a "you have to try everything once" attitude. She loved to dance and travel and to be busy. Even as she fought her final round with cancer she was signing up to help out on committees. Meredith was full of laughter and love, especially when spending time with her family and friends.

## Neal Lars Stewart



It is with great sadness and sorrow that the Stewart family announces the passing away of Neal Lars Stewart of Mine Centre, Ontario on Monday August 3, 2015 at TBRHSC, in Thunder Bay, at the age of 44 years due to complications of cancer. Neal passed away peacefully with his family by his side. Neal was born on November 19, 1970, in Fort Frances, Ontario to parents Nels and Donna Stewart.

Neal attended elementary and secondary school in Atikokan and then went on to the University of Western Ontario where he obtained an Honours Degree in Actuarial Science. However, the city life was not for Neal and he chose to return home to the family logging business. Later, he moved on to work for Melvin Williamson Timber Ltd.

In earlier years, Neal was the main resource to organizing any fishing expeditions and always had minnows ready. Many have stories to tell of their experiences. Later on, he expanded to include hunting trips for friends and family.

Neal had a heart of gold. He would give anyone anything he had if he thought they needed it and he would go without himself. Many enjoyed his humour and intellect. Neal excelled in our many board and card games. He was a stiff opponent.

Neal will be sadly missed and dearly remembered by his mother

Donna, sister Ellen (Don) Blundon, and brother John (Cecilia) Stewart, nephews Nathan, Daniel, and Alexander Blundon, Brent, Kyle, Scott, Eric and Ryan Stewart. Neal is also survived by close family members Aunt Ellen, Uncle Ray, Aunt Ollie and Aunt Irene as well as many

Meredith surrounded herself with people who lifted her spirit, and Meredith lifted the spirits of those who were around her. Her Mantra was "positive vibes only." Even in her final days, her sense of humour kept her sister Paige and brothers Grant and Brad smiling. Meredith had many dreams that she did not get an opportunity to fulfill. She was going to travel, get married, adopt children, run the Pharmacy School in Waterloo and have juice and potion parties with Lincoln, her nephew.

Meredith's spirit is hope for a better tomorrow; Meredith's spirit is courage; Meredith's spirit is love and inspiration.

Meredith leaves her family to carry on her spirit. Mom and Dad (Lorene Legaree and Jeff Lehman); her sister Paige and brother-in law Brad Gascoigne, her brother Grant Legaree and Nephew Lincoln Gascoigne. Grandfather Don Legaree. Aunts and Uncles; Ian Legaree and Shawna Lampi-Legaree, Robin and Brent Johnson, Kristi Legaree and Blaine and Terri Legaree and all her cousins and friends.

Meredith is also survived by her biological father Glenn Ivall and wife Nancy, Aunts and Uncles Lynn Ivall, Faith Ivall, Heather Ivall and their families.

Meredith was predeceased by her Grandparents Vivien Lorraine (Olson) Legaree, Edward Ivall and Antonia Ivall.

more uncles, aunts and cousins too numerous to mention. Neal's loyal companion Keeya will also miss him.

Neal was predeceased by his father Nels Stewart, grandparents John and Amanda Stewart, Israel and Elma Loughheed.

A memorial will be held in honour of Neal on Friday August 14, 2015 at 2:00pm at La Place Rendez Vous, Fort Frances.

If so desired, donations may be made in Neal's memory to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be offered at [www.harbourviewfuneral.ca](http://www.harbourviewfuneral.ca).

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and he whispered, "Come to me." A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

## Joseph Komaransky

Sadly the family announces the passing of Joe Komaransky, 87 of Atikokan, ON on July 31, 2015 at the Atikokan General Hospital. A Celebration of Joe's Life will be

held on Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 1 p.m. from the Royal Canadian Legion, Atikokan, ON. A complete funeral announcement to follow.

## Wolfgang Albert Rechlin

With great sadness the family of Wolf Rechlin, 80, of Atikokan, ON announce his passing after a courageous battle with cancer on July 31, 2015 at the Atikokan General Hospital. A Celebration

of Wolf's Life will be held on Saturday September 5, 2015 at 1p.m. from the Riverview United Church, Atikokan, ON. A complete funeral announcement to follow.

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

**Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website:

[www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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