



Kelly had a kind heart and a generous spirit as well as a deep spiritual belief in the promises of God. His belief in God sustained him throughout the difficult journey his life was at times.

Kelly lived in Edmonton, until his passing June 6, 2020.

Kelly was predeceased by his grandfather Harry Sabiston; grandmother Adeline Sabiston; uncle Andy Sabiston; father Charlie McKinnon; nephew Matthew McKinnon; and his father-in-law Alex Pawlychyn.

Kelly leaves to mourn his passing his sons Austin and Braden McKinnon; his former partner Carol Pawlychyn; mother Irene McKinnon; brothers Floyd, Terry (Nik), Vince (Heather); sisters Debbie and Myrna (Simon) Cook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### **Celebration of Life**

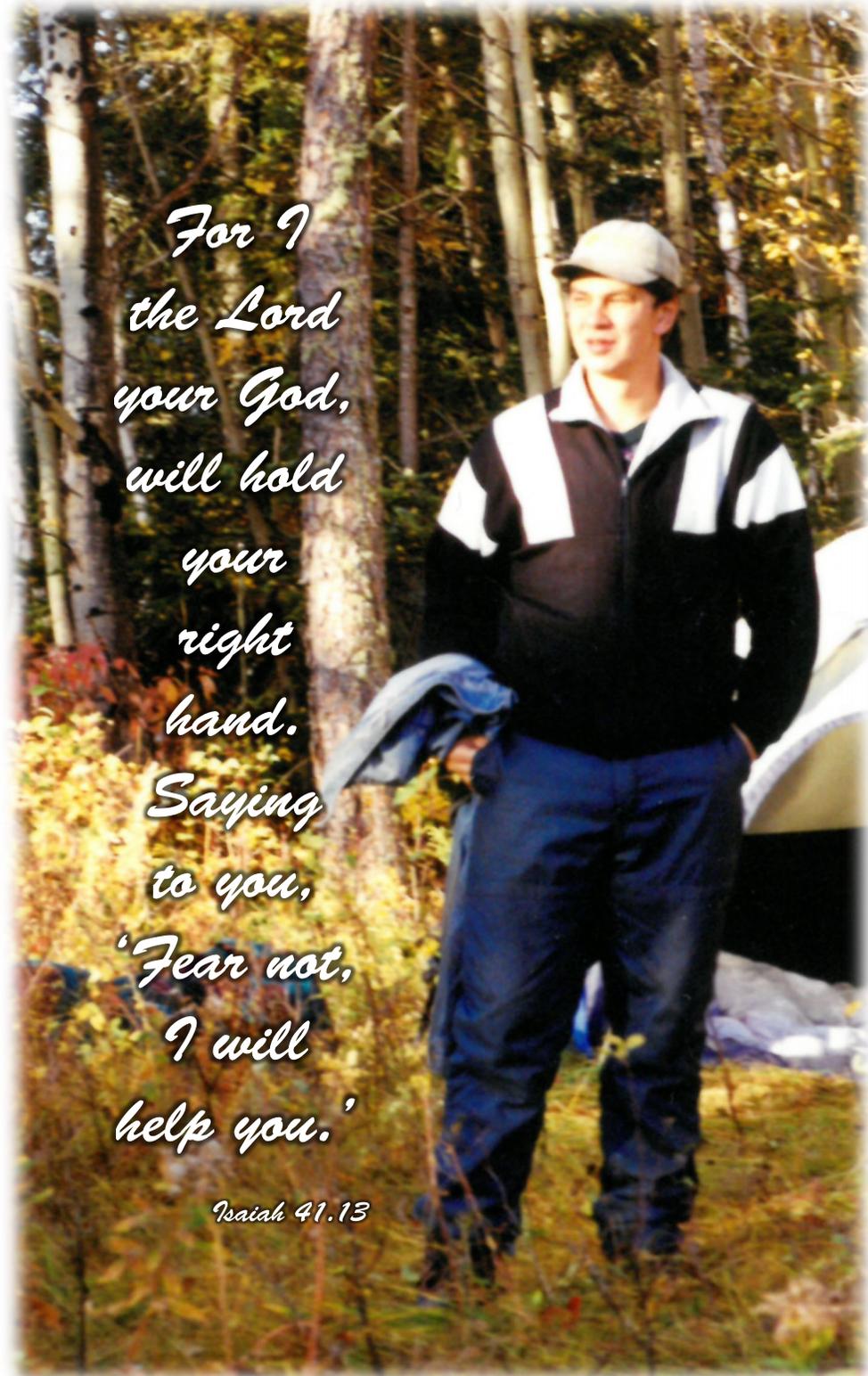
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:00 pm  
Wanless Community Hall, Wanless, Manitoba

#### **Pallbearers**

Family will be walking with Kelly to his final resting place, at the Wanless Community Cemetery.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the  
Wanless Community Hall, Box 111, Wanless, MB, R0B 1T0,  
would be appreciated by Kelly's family.*

 **Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba**  
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*For I  
the Lord  
your God,  
will hold  
your  
right  
hand.  
Saying  
to you,  
'Fear not,  
I will  
help you.'*

*Isaiah 41.13*

A Celebration of Life for  
**KELLY (MR. KOON) MCKINNON**

A loving son, father, partner, brother, uncle and friend.



Lynn Kelly McKinnon was born in St. Rose du Lac Manitoba, Wednesday, October 16, 1963. He passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Kelly and his siblings moved to Wanless with their parents Charlie and Irene McKinnon in 1968. He attended school in The Pas. Growing up in Wanless, Kelly developed a lifelong love and appreciation for the outdoors. As a young man, he enjoyed hunting in the forest for chickens. Kelly also became quite accomplished with homemade stilts and became so adept that he would get on the roof of the house to launch himself with the stilts.

Kelly left home in his teens to find work in Ponton along with his buddies, Greg Thrones and Glen Fortney. Later on Kelly went to work for his dad in the logging business, where he remained employed for quite a few years. Kelly became a skilled operator of the skidder, slasher and faller buncher.

In the 1980's Kelly managed his father's cattle ranch near Minitonas, MB. South Mountain Charolais, where he looked after the day to day operations. It was during this period that Kelly became the proud owner of a Sportster Harley Davidson. Kelly truly enjoyed riding his Harley and took great pride in maintaining it and keeping it in pristine condition.

Kelly was at the ranch for a few years then returned to Wanless to work in the family logging business, where he began dating Carol Pawlychyn, who was also a resident of Wanless.

In 1994, Kelly and Carol set out together to find adventure in British Columbia, where being young and in love they chose to live in a tent for a short period of time. Afterwards, Kelly found work and they settled down to live and start a family in Houston, BC. Kelly and Carol were blessed with the birth of Austin Lynn McKinnon, born September 12, 1995. Kelly was overjoyed at the birth of his little son, so much so that he insisted on getting Austin a Tonka truck for his first Christmas even though he was far too small to play with it! Two years later, Kelly and Carol welcomed

the birth of a second son Braden Charles McKinnon born July 31, 1997. Kelly was an excellent father to his boys and loved them dearly.

Kelly and Carol began to miss their family in Manitoba and quiet country life of Wanless, so in 1998 their young family returned to the village to raise their boys.

Kelly decided to upgrade his education at Kelsey Learning Centre in The Pas, where he attained his grade twelve in 2006. In 2007, Kelly graduated with from University College of the North

with his diploma in Culinary Arts. Kelly was extremely proud of his accomplishment, as cooking was a lifelong passion, and he took great pride in preparing fantastic meals for his family and friends.

Kelly took a job, working alongside Carol at Fat Boys Restaurant in The Pas. After a year at Fat Boys, Kelly decided to take a job cooking in Edmonton. Kelly made Edmonton his home from 2008 on, working at various cooking establishments in the restaurant industry.

Kelly kept in contact with his boys and Carol, and made every effort to visit when he could.

Kelly had a quick wit and a superb sense of humor, and could often be heard teasing his many nieces and nephews, asking Matt, "Hey Matt have you been bowling for buzzards?" Matt used to get so annoyed at his Uncle! Kelly loved music and taught himself to play the harmonica, and he spent many happy hours learning new songs.

