

FROM BROTHER BOB DARLING SELF-OBIT

"To all my family and friends

Many people don't have the opportunity to highlight their life and death, but I seem to have nothing else to do. So, here goes.

Born to Henry and Fran (Emery) loving parents in Saint John, NB May 6, 1944.

I graduated from Dalhousie University and moved to the Yukon looking for adventure while the majority of my Dal friends went to Montreal to experience Expo '67.

After several jobs from bartending to painting, I formed the Yukon's first real estate agency—Arctic Realty and my entrepreneurial adventures began. Whitehorse Vendors, Whitehorse Beverages, Kopper King and the Bistro to name a few, were in the early years. Brookside Homes is my current project in Whitehorse. When Elaine and I moved to New Brunswick in the mid 90's, I joined with my son Scott, as a partner in Realty World and co-founded Darling Construction to build homes and recreational properties in the Saint John area. I am particularly proud of Island Estates on Kennebecasis Island, Yukon and Rothesay Estates. We were delighted when the Saint John Sea Dogs came to town and enjoyed cheering them on with friends in the Alpine Room.

After receiving the devastating diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in January, I was sucker punched. Elaine and I then decided to relocate to the Yukon where our daughter Sonya, Gary (Seeley), Paige, Morgan and Cooper reside. Scott and Jennifer (Dempsey) will soon visit us, along with their daughter Sydney, who lives in Australia and son Isaac, who also is in Rothesay.

My care by Dr. Sally Macdonald and Home Care Yukon has been unparalleled. Their compassion has certainly helped Elaine and I navigate the inevitability of this disease.

While I am proud of my business accomplishments and family, I am more proud of my 38 year relationship with Elaine. It took me a few tries to get it right, but this time I scored. Loving her has been the success story of my life. While we did many things together, I especially appreciated our time on the golf courses across North America. She has helped me face this heartbreaking news with compassion and practicality. Her unbelievably strong, yet loving nature is admired by all who know her--no one more than me.

Thank you Elaine. Your constant care has made our last, unpleasant journey tolerable.

And to my grandchildren Kyle, Elyssia, Eric, Sydney, Isaac, Paige, Morgan, Andra and Cooper work hard, be kind and generous.

At my request, there will be no service. Take a moment to Reflect, Read a good book and Raise a glass of fine wine.

I was given the gift of life, now I want to give it back. Memorial donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Canada, Yukon Hospital Foundation or Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation.

This is hard, but I am a lucky man who led a great life and for this I am grateful. Knowing and loving each one of you has been incredible."