Louis Brian Comin June 25, 1947 – March 15, 2024



Lou an ordinary man, was born in Blairmore, Alta to Pat and Peter Comin and had a sister Gale and brother Barry. They lived in Bellevue until the mine closed and then they moved to Canmore where Pete worked in the mine. Lou started grade seven in Canmore and sat right beside Cheryl dePencier, who became his best friend, soul mate, love of his life. They went together ten years and then were married in 1970.

Lou loved the outdoors and got his Forestry diploma from NAIT with Honours. He joined the Alberta Forest Service and they lived in Salt Prairie and South Wapiti on Ranger districts. His dream was to become a National Park Warden which he did by taking a seasonal position at Pocohontas Warden Station in Jasper, Alta, then Moving to a full time position in Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba living at Vermillion River Warden Station. Then on to Nahanni National Park as the youngest Chief Park Warden. Then back to Riding Mountain as Area Manager living in townsite Clear Lake. Spent a short time in Grasslands National Park in Sask and then on to Wood Buffalo National Park in Fort Smith, NT where he retired from. Here he received the Governor General Award for his contribution to Parks. Living in the various Parks Lou and Cheryl made many dear close friends in the Park and surrounding area. The Warden Family were a big part of their lives. Lou loved the Parks, the Wardens and did his best to support his Wardens as he would call them.

Lou and Cheryl retired to Canyon, BC in 2002 to an acreage, bought horses and carried on their dream. They rode and camped as much as they could and took their horses south to Arizona for the winters and camped and rode the washes for close to ten years. They would go to Mexico for six weeks in January, when Arizona got to cool and met many good friends there. Lou was a family man, loved his sons Wade and Ryan, daughter in law Nicole and grandsons Kole, Kaine and Darien.

He considered himself so very lucky to have the three boys visit for the month of August for years. Lou hung up his saddle in 2021 and had it in the basement so he could sit and look at it and reminiscence his great life with family and friends. A few hours before his death, he and Wade sat in this very room having a beer. Last week he was chopping wood saying you never have enough wood you know. He was telling Wade where they were going to get their trees this spring. He died peacefully, suddenly and unexpectedly with his family by his side.

Lou will be so missed and always remembered by his wife Cheryl, son Wade and daughter in law Nicole, grandsons Kole, Kaine and Darien, sister Gale, family Dale Chapelhow and Colleen, Eric Hamiester, Wayne Harrison and Heather dePencier and very special treasured niece Jamie Facette. Yes an ordinary man, lived a very basic simple life, treasured his family and friends. He would always say to remember to live your life as there is an expiration date.

Rest in Peace Lou and may you ride those trails in the sky with your friends, until we meet again.

Fairwell Barbecue at the Comin's Acreage in Canyon, BC on June 22, 2024. Please see Tom for details.