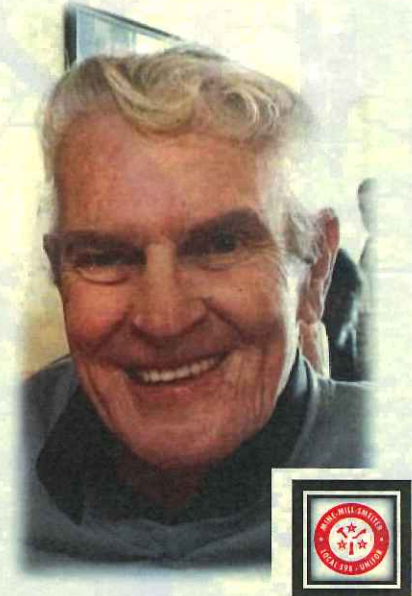


In Memory of Brother Bert Purcell



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It is with profound sadness and deep regret that we must say good bye to our dear Brother and friend, Brother Bert Purcell.

Bert lost his courageous, yet extremely stoic battle with cancer on October 3, 2016.

Over the years, Bert stood the test of time as a strong and unwavering union man. He truly loved the Mine Mill Union and the members. He was very active in our local for many years. Bert began as a Health & Safety Committee Person and steward representing the workers at the West End.

During the strike of 2000, he became heavily involved and so did his partner Sharon. He was and Executive Board member with the retiree's and sat on our Local Executive Board as Member at Large representing the Pensioners. Bert volunteered hours and hours of his time assisting past Presidents Rick Grylls, Richard Paquin and myself in order to advance and defend our members.

I have spoken with many people over the past couple of days and they shared some of their stories. Bert was well known not only by the membership, but with the community for his humour, encouragement and commitment.

The notice of Bert's passing will be in the Sudbury Star this Friday. The family will be receiving visitors Monday, October 10th, 2016 from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00p.m. at the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home in Sudbury. A celebration of his life and funeral service will be held at 11:30a.m. on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016.

Bert was retired from the job, but not from the fight. He will be greatly missed but he left us a legacy of fond memories and taught many of us some very important "life lessons".

In Solidarity,
Anne Marie MacInnis
President