



HONOURING THE LIFE OF ROBERT RUTHERFORD (BOB)

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Robert Rutherford, affectionately known as Bob, who left us at the age of 73 after a battle with illness. Bob was a man of remarkable character, known for his dedication to his work, his deep love for music, and his unwavering commitment to his family and friends.

Bob served as the head of Marine Institute OSSC in Newfoundland, where his leadership and professionalism were unmatched. His tenure was marked by a steadfast commitment to excellence and a profound impact on the community he served. One of Bob's most significant contributions was his work to improve the safety of seafarers, fishermen and offshore workers, a cause he was deeply passionate about. His efforts in this area helped to protect the lives of countless peoples, ensuring that they could return home safely to their families.

From 2003 to 2013, Bob held the position of Secretary for IASST. During this decade of service, his organizational skills and dedication were evident, earning him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.



MUSIC WAS A CENTRAL PART OF BOB'S LIFE.

HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY TALENTED MUSICIAN WHO COULD PLAY VIRTUALLY ANY INSTRUMENT. BOB'S LOVE FOR MUSIC WAS NOT JUST A HOBBY BUT A PASSION THAT HE SHARED WITH THOSE AROUND HIM. IT WAS A COMMON SIGHT TO SEE BOB ARRIVE AT MEETINGS WITH AN INSTRUMENT IN HAND, READY TO UPLIFT THE ATMOSPHERE WITH HIS MUSIC.

DURING FAREWELL GATHERINGS, HIS PERFORMANCES WERE ALWAYS HEARTFELT AND MEMORABLE, LEAVING A LASTING IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE PRESENT.

BEYOND HIS PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND MUSICAL TALENTS, BOB WAS A DEVOTED FATHER TO HIS FOUR CHILDREN AND A LOVING GRANDFATHER.

HIS ROLE AS A GRANDFATHER BROUGHT HIM IMMENSE JOY, AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN WILL REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS WARMTH, WISDOM, AND THE MUSIC THAT OFTEN FILLED THEIR LIVES. BOB'S LEGACY WILL LIVE ON THROUGH THE COUNTLESS LIVES HE TOUCHED WITH HIS KINDNESS, HIS MUSIC, AND HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO HIS WORK AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

BOB WAS NOT JUST A COLLEAGUE OR A LEADER; HE WAS A FRIEND WHO BROUGHT JOY, WARMTH, AND INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HIM.

HIS PASSING LEAVES A VOID THAT WILL BE FELT BY MANY, BUT HIS MEMORY WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND BRING COMFORT.

AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO BOB, WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE LIFE HE LIVED—A LIFE MARKED BY PASSION, DEDICATION, AND LOVE.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE, FOREVER REMEMBERED AND CHERISHED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.