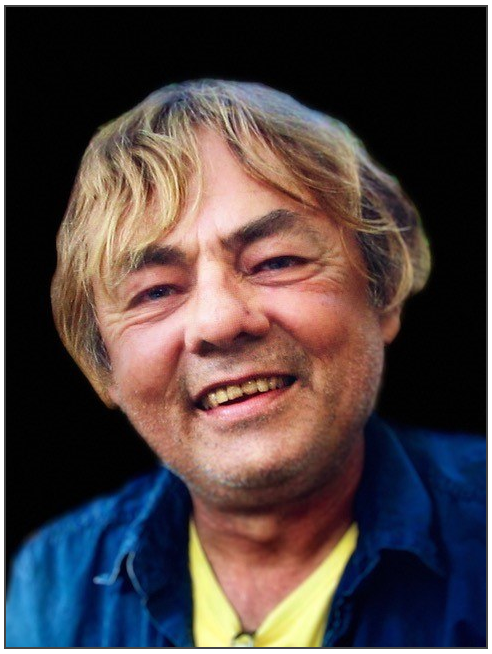
Victor John Tiede



MAY 31, 2021

Victor Tiede, was born on January 24, 1955 in Regina, Saskatchewan and passed away peacefully on May 31, 2021. Victor enjoyed every part of life and was a repository of information on history, art, music, cooking, fishing, growing many beautiful flowers, home renovation, and the environment, sharing his interests with his wife Joanne Crofford (Elkin). He is survived by his brother Bruno Tiede and his sister Loretta (Ron) Frigon, his nieces Lacey (Leo) and Jolie (Jett). Victor was predeceased by his mother Selma and brother George. He is also survived by his children and grandchildren shared with his wife Joanne; son Orion Paradis (Misty Wensel); grandson Lazlo Paradis and granddaughter Serena Thompson (Nick Faulkner); great-grandchildren Noah Thompson, Wyatt Thompson, and Kacy Faulkner. He was also predeceased by Sunny Thompson (Crofford).

Victor was an accomplished wood sculptor and musician.

Major shows of his works - McMichael Gallery, Kleinburg, Ontario; Muttart Gallery, Calgary, Alberta; Prairie Gallery, Grand Prairie, Alberta. Selected showings at Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver, British Columbia.; Canada Council Collection. Works owned by New Museum of Modern Art in Glasgow, Scotland; and private collectors.

Published plates of work in "Art at Work" Canada Council; New Museum of Modern Art, Royal Opening; "Welcome to Our World", Contemporary Canadian Art Work. “A Prairie Vernacular”, MJMAG.

Work currently touring 1919 -1921 in A Prairie Vernacular: Folk & Contemporary Art Narratives of Life on the Canadian Prairies.

Exhibition organized and circulated by the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery and the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre in Medicine Hat, Alberta, in partnership with the Art Gallery of Swift Current, Saskatchewan and the Buhler Gallery of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba of Brandon, Manitoba and the Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery of Red Deer, Alberta.

His work has been represented by Nouveau Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan; and Susan Whitney Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan (now Susan Whitney Appraisals). Susan always encouraged Vic in his artistic pursuits.

Victor also worked in the Wood Shop at the Neil Balkwill Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan assisting folks with their wood projects and use of large wood working equipment. He enjoyed working with direction from Brian Gladwell. Both of them shared a love affair with wood.

Victor carved the Ceremonial Paddle for the Dragon Boat Races in Regina, Saskatchewan and carved a series of dioramas depicting early life in Canada, the fur trade, RCMP in the RCMP museum in Regina.

He was a co-manager of Boomtown Drums Regina, Saskatchewan Music Ventures included Vikki T. Digital Drum Compositions, The Ghanadians with Master

Drummer Joseph Ashong, Skin & Bone, Bandja, Jambalay, Tuesday Night Jam, and recording sessions with friend Dwayne Brotzel. Jams were held at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan for a while. Vic and his wife Joanne enjoyed several years of performing at festivals and community events and many happy evenings creating, rehearsing, and jamming.

Even after joining life in a wheelchair, Vic insisted on going fishing mostly on Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan. His last fish was caught in 2018. Guess who got to push the wheelchair through rocks and sand? The family extend deep appreciation to Victor's Specialist Doctors, Regina General Hospital Shopper's Pharmacy, Abilities equipment, Social Worker Hazel and his long-term caregivers at Regina General Renal Unit, Edmonton Transplant program, and his two last stops at 3E, Team 1 – Regina General Hospital. Our family also extend appreciation for a very calm passing with the help of staff and facilities at the Regina Pasqua Hospital Palliative Care Unit enabling him to die with great dignity and peace.

In the last two months much of our pleasure came from watching just about all the David Attenborough movies stored in Saskatchewan Libraries - what an amazing resource. We came to love every aspect of life on the planet, in the sky, on land, and below the ocean.

Although being a great fan of Feni Stardust (dog pal), he was ever a fan of our Budgies, Vic wanted me to donate on his behalf to a bird care group. Here are three possibilities - Last Mountain Bird Observatory (https://www.naturesask.ca/get-involved/support-the-last-mountain-bird-observatory), Burrowing Owl Centre Moose Jaw (https://www.skburrowingowl.ca/), Birds

running into Buildings in Toronto (https://flap.org/about/).

Some last words from Victor

“Creativity is the most important thing ~ Creation.”

Messages of Condolence

Oh my dear Joanne, I just read Victor’s obituary in the Leader Post. I am so sorry for this. I will miss seeing him looking after his plants on my way to work.
Take care.

— Cheryl Tovey

So sorry to read this news.
Victor had a wonderful sense of humour.
I never see a birdhouse without thinking of him.
Peace

— Fred Clipsham

Dear Joanne, Bruno and Families,

I was so very sad to hear of Victor's passing. He will be so missed. I have many memories of him over the years...often spotting him strutting down 13th Avenue, visiting Laurie at the Pasqua Hospital switchboard during times he was convalescing there... the beautiful artwork I have of his that you, Joanne, put up for me, out at the acreage... at your house, gifting him with a very old banjo ukulele of my mother's, to see if he could coax music out of it, as I never could... you, (Joanne) and Victor in Lakeview Fine Foods... but the best was the wonderful conversation I had with him (and you, Joanne) in the back room of Cal's shop, during Lloyd's art show. I will never forget that wonderful chat... the last time I saw him. So many heart hugs and condolences to all of you. That man was a fighter. xoxoxo

— Roberta Nichol

Dear Joanne,

Thinking of you and wishing peace and great memories of your loved one Vic.

Blessings, Carol

— Carol La Fayette-Boyd

I'm thinking of you and your loss today, Joanne. This has been a tough year + with many events on hold. I remember yours & Vic's fun times participating at many summer festivals. Not to detract from your loss, but friend and sister in spirit, Judy Clipperton's passing in Oliver, BC in mid May this year, also is on my mind. My best wishes to support you & family during this difficult time. Stay well.

— Pam Gibson

Joanne, we are very sorry to hear of Vic’s passing. We are back at Lumsden Beach and recall your visit here some years ago and Vic’s delight with our caragana that he prized for some of his wood projects. He was always an interesting and fun person and we enjoyed our times with him. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

— Harry Van Mulligen and Judy Young

Sending Deepest Sympathy Joanne. The road ahead will be hard, cherish the memories.

— Lynda Coderre

Joanne we thank God for Vic. We are praying for you and your family during this hard time.
May His Soul Rest In Peace.

— Lydia Nabweteme