

Bill Spencer
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
37 Years of Service

Bill was born on March 8th, 1954, in St. John's to John (Jack) and Gertrude Spencer (nee French) of Bay Roberts. His siblings were three girls (Eileen, Lorna (deceased) and Glenys.)

He grew up in Bay Roberts, graduated from Ascension Collegiate High School and while attending Memorial University in 1972, he was accepted as a recruit in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Upon completing his training at the RCMP Depot in Regina, Saskatchewan, Bill was posted to Flin Flon, Manitoba. He was eventually transferred to Snow Lake and then The Pas where he married Bonita Morrow in 1979. They raised two children, Tanya and Billy who would over time provide four grandchildren to the family.

Bill served in a variety of locations all within Manitoba including Churchill, Falcon Lake, Hamiota and Cranberry Portage. In 2006 he served as Corporal in charge of the Cranberry Portage Detachment. In 2008 he was posted in charge of the Northern Traffic Services Unit, (as he said, "covering everything North of the 53rd parallel).

Bill retired in 2009 having served as a police officer for thirty-seven years.

In 2009 he and Bonnie bought a convenience business in the Pas (Spencer's Variety Store). Three years later, in 2012, they decided to sell the business and enjoy their long-earned retirement. They relocated to Swan River that same year and it was there Bill passed away on June 15th, 2015.

Bill enjoyed outdoor activities like camping, fishing, golfing and gardening but his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.