

## My Daughter Lori (Woodhouse) 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, December 01 to 03, 2023

### Northern Quest near Spokane, Washington

I posted this account on Facebook, December 03, 2023.....

*"..... All my daughter Lori's siblings were at Northern Quest in Spokane Washington to celebrate her upcoming 60th birthday, this weekend. There are a few third-generation families here along with friends.*

*There is a never a "perfect" place to celebrate birthdays and she follows her senior sister who chose to celebrate her 60th in Las Vegas, almost 2 years ago.*

*This puts Marilyn and I in a difficult position, as parents, as we try to follow the revelers around but watch and smile with our participation and total enjoyment.*

*Northern Quest is a "victory" for the Kalispel Indigenous community and competes with many top-of-the-line entertainment Resorts.*

*As a youth I grew up with the Cree First Nations at Cote, Keys and Kaseko's near Pelly, Kamsack and Canora, Saskatchewan and witnessed the difficult era of our Cree neighbors and their trepidations.*

*The original St. Phillips Boarding School has been replaced with modern schools where Indigenous Educational professions provide the education. I noticed the shopping facilities, also operated by the Bands on those First Nations.*

*Northern Quest continues to expand its physical facility and it great to see Band members dressed in suits and many professional staff operate the various Bars, Restaurants and Hotel.*

*They walk around proudly as they should. 🙏*

*As I relax in their well-appointed leisure areas with my thoughts, I compare my youthful memories and what I witness here at Northern Quest, a first-class Resort. 🙏❤️*

*Good choice Lori!....."*

Now I will add photos and other comments in this blog entry:



Here is the birthday girl with her granddaughter Marlowe Chahley who is assisting her Granny to blow out the candles.

I will note what each of my family does as a vocation, for information purposes as well as the fact that all of them were able to get educated and found their vocations without the financial assistance of Marilyn and I. Of course, we are proud of them all.

Lori graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management and is employed by Kootenay Savings Credit Union in Trail, B.C. as an Executive Assistant.

In this photo Lori is joined by her siblings. From Left to Right



Lori's youngest sister, Tamara Verigin-Burk whose education is an Arts in Leadership Master's degree and is employed by the Castlegar Chamber of Commerce as an Executive Director. Lori stands next to her eldest sister Nona Kucher whose education includes a Diploma in Municipal Management, an Executive Coach and is employed by Tech Resources Limited in Trail, B.C. as a Change Management Lead and then her brother Kimball who is employed by Selkirk College as the department Head – Athletics and Recreation. His education is bachelor's degrees in human kinetics as well as in Education (B.H.K. & B.Ed.).



One of the organizers of the event was her son Sean who has a bachelor's degree in business administration (BAdmin) and is employed by Wesco in Kelowna, B.C., as General Manager. Sean's partner and spouse is Roxy who is a Hair Stylist as well as educated as a Care Aide. They have a one-year-old daughter Marlowe.

The other organizer was Lori's daughter Kara who has a bachelor's degrees in human kinetics and education. She was initially a Kindergarten teacher, but decided later to set up her own clothing business as CEO of INDI + LOU Boutique in Castlegar, B.C. Her spouse is Tyler Hlookoff who has a degree in Applied Science and Technology and is employed by Fortis BC in Castlegar as a Senior Technical Analyst. Tyler and Kara have two children - Ashton (4) and Sloane (3).



Our children are all in this group photo from left to right: Kyle Burk is Sales Manager at Trowelex in Castlegar. B.C., partner to Tamara; (three (3) adult sons (Nigel and Danielle and sons Xander and Misha), (Malcolm and partner Amanda), and Solomon}, Lori's Rick Woodhouse (retired Teck Manager). Lori, Nona {three (3) adult children, (Kayla and partner Nate Heddle and two (2) sons Daxx and Zane), (Allie and sons Haden (6) and Weston (3), and Garrett and his partner Tori), Lora (Accounts Analyst KSCU), Kimball {two (2) daughters (Abby and partner Scott) and Macy}

The birthday lady, Lori, is with her mother Marilyn (retired School Teacher) and Elmer (BSc,C.E. retired). Marilyn had her Teaching Certificate presented by Tommy Douglas and she has not washed her right since.



Most of the revelers attended the hockey game between The Spokane Chiefs and the visiting Prince George Cougars.



Enjoying the Hockey Game with Nona, Lora, Kimball, and Lori.

As soon as the Spokane team scored, the fans all



tossed teddy bears onto the ice. This was a method to provide Christmas presents for under-privileged children in the Spokane area.

There were four (4) pickup trucks that gathered all the teddies and transported them off the ice.

Another photo of all the teddy bear action in the Spokane Arena.



I was surprised at the seating capacity and the fact that there were no American Players on either Hocket Team. You might say we watched a "Canadian Hockey Game".



A group photo of all that attended the social which added Rick's brothers Gerry and partner Lorie, Rodger and wife Karen, nieces, and nephews Ashley (Mike), Mollie, Maggie (Grant), Luke (Faye).

Everyone was very friendly, and we interacted as one family.

This was the decorated Sean and



Roxy's suite.

Most everyone drove home on Sunday with slippery roads, but all were able to drive safely. It was a great deal of fun and some people even one some money in the Casino.

*Written by EWV December 04, 2023*

