



## In Memory of PORCYNALLY, Ralph John

July 3rd 1950 - Holtyre, ON  
May 11th 2011 - Matheson, ON

*PORCYNALLY, Ralph John -1950 - 2011 - Passed away unexpectedly at home at the age of . Loving father of Bartt (Christyn) and Jason (Ann). Dear brother of Dave. He will be sadly missed by his good friends the Nicholson family of Matheson, the Barber family also from Matheson, the Belonoha family of Southern Ontario, and Vivian and Lindsay Emdin. He leaves behind the mother of his children, Wende Swain. Ralph was a recreation director for 30 years, this allowed him to meet and become friends with many people. He played hockey, baseball and football, as well as many other sports. Ralph also coached a wide variety of sports. Remembrance donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. According to Ralph's wishes cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to STINSON FUNERAL HOME, SOUTH PORCUPINE.*

Ralph Porcynally was born in Holtyre, a small hamlet in Northern Ontario. His parents moved to several Northern centres, prior to settling in South Porcupine. The South End Arena erected in 1926, simply became Ralph's second home. He played minor hockey and was one of Arena Manager Don Pecore's treasured "rink rats". One could simply add Ralph's name to mentor Pecore's long list of individuals, who ended up in the arena field.



Porcynally "Retirement" presentation took place in Timmins.. August 2010..Kris Kullas was the presentor...

Porcynally was twenty three years old, when he accepted a job offer, from the Township of Black River - Matheson. His arena career began June 1978, as Arena Foreman, at the Vern Miller Memorial Centre. He remained in that position for the ensuing 15 years. Ralph vividly recalls the annual journey to Guelph, attending programs offered by ORFA, that prepared him to execute his arena duties, in a professional manner. Elevated to Director of Recreation in 1991. His final day with the Township, April 1st 2008,... ending 32 years in the municipal field.

For the record, Ralph was fifty eight years old when he retired. Retirement kicked in August 31st . Ralph enjoyed his municipal career. Noting that annual budget sessions, were frustrating at times, trying to convince council to allocate funds, for much needed arena upgrades...funds were eventually provided.. *it just took a bit longer to get the projects started.....*