

James (Jim) Whitelaw McKay

October 20, 1926 - June 26, 2008

Jim passed away peacefully in his sleep at the Gateby Seniors Residence after a brief illness. Jim moved to Yellowknife from his childhood home in Winnipeg in the 40's to take a job at Negus Mine, with the intent of earning money to attend aeronautical engineering school in the States. However, it was here that he met Jackie McConnell and they were married. Jim later moved on to Giant Mines where he worked until his retirement in the mid 80's. After a couple of nomadic years in their RV between Arizona and Alberta, Jim and Jackie stopped in the Okanagan to visit with old Yellowknife and Giant friends at the NWT Picnic, and decided to settle in Vernon, BC.

Jim is survived by his daughter Aubin (Randy) Waddell and son Howard (Angel) McKay, his grandchildren Robert, Scott, Jeff Waddell and James McKay, Lindsay and Keyona McKay all of Yellowknife and Amanda McKay in Edmonton, great-grandchildren Logan and Parker in Yellowknife and Liam and Josh from Borden, Alberta and his sisters Elaine Mitchell and Nan Brown along with a number of nephews and nieces.

An announcement for a Yellowknife memorial will be made at a later date. Final resting place will be in Yellowknife by his wife Jackie.

