Dr. Otto Schaefer

Otto Schaefer, born in Germany October 2, 1919, died peacefully at his home in Jasper on Nov. 2, 2009, at the age of 90.



Otto lived in Germany until 1951, when he immigrated to Canada to realize his dream of working with the Inuit in Canada's arctic. He was also made a member of the Order of Canada. It was Otto's request that his body be donated for medical education, his parting gift to medical science.

He is survived by his sister Resi of Germany, sons Lothar (Debbie) of Smithers, Alfred (Elfriede) of Germany, daughters Taoya (Ian) of Invermere, and Monika of Jasper, as well as grandchildren Alfred, Kara, Seamus, Harold, Heidi, and Alastair. Otto was predeceased by his wife Editha (a.k.a. Didi) in 1992, and his youngest daughter Heidi in 1988. He was also predeceased by brothers Josef, Theo, Hugo, Alfred, Franz, Werner, and sister Lisbeth.

A memorial to celebrate Otto's life will take place in Jasper, Alberta on November 22.