



Matti Mikael Vuorela

Matti Mikael Vuorela, of Yellowknife, died peacefully at the age of 96 at Avens Manor on February 12, 2019.

Born in Karstula, Finland, he was the second oldest of 11 children. He met and married Taina Niskala in 1946 and their only son, Seppo, was born in 1947. In 1960 the family came to Canada, settling in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The couple remained in Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa area while he worked for Abitibi Pulp and Paper. As Taina became ill with Alzheimer's Matti retired early to look after her. He remained her devoted primary caregiver until her death – even following her into the Ontario Finnish Rest Home (Kotitalo) when he required assistance providing her care. In 2007, Matti moved up to Yellowknife to be with his son and family. He is survived by his son Seppo, and granddaughter Arleen (Ben).

A memorial for Matti will be held at 2:00 pm on March 9 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (100 Niven Gate) in Yellowknife, NT. A reception will be held at the Baker Centre (5710 50 Ave.) afterward.