

WILLIAMS ~ Robert "Bob"

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Robert (Bob) Laurence Williams passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital, at the age of 87 years, with his loving wife of 61 years, Dorothy, by his side.

Bob was born in London, Ontario on November 27, 1925 to Alfred and Cissie Williams. With an army background, Bob joined the Navy at the tender age of 17. At the end of WWII, he went to work for the Hudson's Bay Company in the North. He met Dorothy in Calgary and they married on February 15, 1952.

The North called him again and they moved to Fon du Lac, Saskatchewan with the Hudson's Bay fur trade. They were blessed with two children; Laurie and Carl. In 1958, the family moved to Dawson City where Bob worked as a mining clerk. It was there that they had another daughter, Jacqueline. Up to 1972, the family moved around the Yukon as Bob worked for Forestry and as a Mining Recorder. They moved to Yellowknife, NWT in 1971 where Bob had accepted a position as Chief Mining Recorder. A few years later, he was promoted to Assistant Director of Non-renewable Resources for the Northwest Territories. They retired to Christina Lake, BC in 1983 and lived in their dream home with further moves to Winfield, BC, Grande Prairie, AB, Salmon Arm, BC, and finally to Red Deer where they made their permanent home.

Bob was an avid gardener, a lover of the outdoors and was generous of heart. His penchant for story telling would entertain everyone; even if they had heard it more than once. He loved curling, dancing and always had a solid handshake.

Bob never shied away from a challenge – be it panning for gold or trekking up a mountain to check an eagle's nest.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, children; Laurie (Russ) of Christina Lake, BC, Carl (Mary Ann) of Yellowknife, NWT, and Jacqui (Darby) of Wembley, AB, grandchildren: Dayna, Brad, Blair, Joe, Cole, Garret, Drew, and Cheryl, and great granddaughter, Abby. Bob is also survived by a sister, Betty Green of Calgary and a brother, Neville (Gerry) of Saskatoon, SK. Robert was predeceased by his mother and father: Cissie and Alfred Williams, a brother, Eric, and sisters, Doris and Edna.

A Celebration of Life was held in Red Deer, at the Davenplace Hall on April 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Donations in Robert's name are gladly accepted to the charity of one's choice.

The family would like to thank the nurses and Doctors at the Red Deer Hospital for their care and support. The exceptional generosity of neighbours and friends was greatly appreciated in this time of need.

Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.eventidefuneralchapels.com.

