

John Barbour Bell

August 19, 1928 - November 5, 2014

Born in Lethbridge AB, John served with distinction in Korea with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He continued with the Canadian Forces as a paratroop instructor, before becoming a firefighter with the Department of National Defence and later Transport Canada. He received civil service and lifesaving commendations.

John loved fire hall life. His 35-year career took him north from Edmonton to Grande Prairie AB, Fort Nelson BC, and lastly to Yellowknife NT. After 13 years in Yellowknife, John and wife Mary (Burnham) retired to Salmon Arm BC in 1989. He long enjoyed his country house, until returning to Edmonton in 2012.

John was a proud member of the Lions Club, and a lifelong supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion.

John possessed incredible fortitude, resilience, and determination. He had an excellent sense of humour and an untamed imagination. John is likely best remembered for his boundless knowledge, and his many stories, of which some were true.

John was predeceased by Mary in 1993.

He is lovingly remembered and missed by his children Ken (Lana), Craig (Carol Chalifoux), Jackie, Rhonda (John Buckland) and Andrea; grandchildren Alicia, Mark, Mary, Alison, William, Sean and Michael; great grandchildren Kobe and Caleb; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held by the family.