



Robert (Bob) W. **SPENCE**



Bob passed away peacefully on April 8, 2005 at home surrounded by his loving family after a short, but courageous battle with Bone Marrow Cancer.

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1923, Bob served in both the Canadian Air Force and Army, in Canada, from 1941 to 1945. After the war, he went on to receive a degree in Engineering (mining) from Queen's University in Kingston.

In 1964, Bob and his wife Ruth came to Yellowknife, with Bob as Superintendent of Exploration at Giant Mine. He worked there for almost 20 years and then spent 3 years in Ottawa as Mining Advisor to the then Minister of DIAND.

Bob and Ruth returned to Yellowknife in 1992, with Bob as Executive Director of the NWT Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists (NAPEGG). He retired from that position in 2002.

Bob was a Charter Member of NAPEGG as well as the NWT Chamber of Mines. He was Chairman of Yellowknife School District #1 during the construction of Mildred Hall School in 1967. He was a Board Member for both the NWT Science Institute as well as the Appeals Tribunal for Worker's Compensation Board.

Bob's first love was his wife of almost 55 years, Ruth, and their children: Pat (Jim), Kit (Suzanne), John (Rachel), Mathew (Barb), Duff (Katherine) and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church April 13, 2005 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the NAPEGG Education Fund for the Bob Spence Scholarship given to a university student studying Engineering.