

REMEMBERING George Hill

July 5, 1921 - December 24, 2011



George passed away suddenly at this home on Ryder Lake on Dec 24th, 2011, at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his wife Catherine (Retta) in March 2007 and daughter Patricia in 1989. George and Retta had lived on Extrom Rd. on Ryder Lake since 1955, where they raised 5 children. George was born in Plumas, Manitoba and enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles at age 19. He served overseas until the war ended, and was one of the few remaining D-Day veterans, who landed on the Normandy Coast at Juno Beach.

After the war, George moved from Manitoba to B.C. and worked in construction and logging where he excelled in road building. He retired from B.C. Forest products at 65, only to go to northern Alberta to work another 10 years building roads through the muskeg.

When he did finally 'retire', he enjoyed farming, raising horses and cutting firewood on Ryder Lake. He was known for the fine quality of the beef that he raised. George also loved making trips to the Okanagan for apples and cherries during fruit season.

George leaves behind 5 children, Sheenagh (Scotland), Debbie, Randy, Cathy, and Richard, and seven grandchildren, Richard (Scotland), Jaimee, Curtis, Cody, Adam, Dustin and Levi, and great-granddaughter Charlee.

A service will be held for George on January 21st, at 2:00 pm at the Ryder Lake Community Hall (49265 Elk View Rd.) In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities would be appreciated.

