



REMEMBERING
Joseph George Mrak
March 10, 1937 - May 16, 2023



Joe Mrak passed away in Chilliwack on May 16, 2023 at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his wife Phyllis of 61 years, siblings Beatrice, Emil and Steven and his granddaughter Rebecca. Joe is survived by his children Joe (Cathy), David (Heather), Dan (Pat), Dianne (Doug), Katherine (Kendall), Peter (Tracey), Andrew (Cheryl) and Steve (Ruth) as well as 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Joe was born to Croatian immigrants on March 10th, 1937 in Prince George, B.C. In 1942, Joe's family moved to Surrey where he attended Port Kells Elementary, North Surrey High and Queen Elizabeth Secondary. While in high school, he met the love of his life Phyllis, and they married in 1958. Joe loved working with wood which was evident in his work as a lofts man at Star Shipyard in New Westminster, a fabricator for Glulam Beams in Coquitlam and a building contractor throughout B.C.

In 1980, Joe, Phyllis and the five youngest children moved from Port Kells to a hobby farm on Boundary Rd., Abbotsford. Here, he enjoyed working in his workshop, having garage sales and meeting with friends. Throughout Joe's life, he loved to write poetry, play cribbage, attend auctions and play the guitar. Additionally, he donated to many charities such as the Canadian Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Operation Smile.

