

## REMEMBERING Maurice Brassard

January 16, 1926 - May 26, 2023



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Maurice Brassard on May 26, 2023 at the age of 97 years. Joseph Pierre Maurice Brassard was born on January 16, 1926 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the fourth of eight children, to Calixte and Josephine Brassard. The family lived in the farming community of Albertville, Saskatchewan, where Maurice and his siblings spent their childhood. In 1941 he met the love of his life Therese, and in 1948 they married and set out to B.C. to begin their life together. They first landed in Hope, then moved to a farm in Langley, and finally settled in Abbotsford in 1967.

Maurice (Dad, Pops, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Gramps, Joey Brass) enjoyed driving...whether it was the snow plow on the Hope-Princeton Highway in the late 40's/early 50's; feed trucks for the Surrey Co-op or the Motor Home to Arizona. Up until several years ago Maurice enjoyed loading the boat on the trailer behind the motorhome and getting to his "happy place', on a lake fishing. Maurice was always up for a game of Cribbage and he was very good at it, however, if you were fortunate enough to beat him he'd say "I have to let you win; otherwise you won't come back and play". Maurice always cooked and baked (especially bread) whether it was bread for the neighbours or preparing several dozen loaves yearly to be sold at St. Ann's Christmas Market, baking bread was his passion.

Maurice was predeceased by his wife of 67 years Therese (2016), his brothers: Aime, Alfred, Gilbert, sisters: Marie, Therese, Lorette and his great granddaughter Lilee-Jean.

He will be lovingly remembered by his best friend (walking partner, fellow Blue Jay fanatic and double solitaire opponent) Mary Turner, sister Josephine Leduc, four children: daughter Irene (George), sons Roger (Linda), Leo (Jackie) and Rene (Wendy), grandchildren: Nicole (Dan), Michelle (Phil), Magen (Jordan), Courtney (Jason), Katie, Brooke (Joel), Alex (Mieke), Jake, Richard (Hillary), Alyson (Curtis)

and Chelsey (Pierre), great grandchildren: Amanda (Ivan), Brady (Kirsten), Phillip, Nicholas (Dita), Maxim, Luc, Simon, Mason, Rhett, great great grandchildren: Violet, Lewis, other relatives, neighbours and friends. He was very proud of his family and loved his grandkids very much...he will be missed.

There will be a small service for immediate family members at a future date. The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of B.C.

