

Cannon, Ken

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Ken Cannon

Ken was born on September 7th, 1934 in the Tuxford Hospital, Tuxford, Saskatchewan. He died at the London Health Sciences Center, London, Ontario on April 13th, 2009. Ken received his elementary schooling at St. Mark's and his high school at Marquis Public, St. Mark's and one year in North Battleford. He obtained an interprovincial journeyman certificate in carpentry by attending technical institutes in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. After working for a few years as a carpenter in the Marquis district, he returned to Sask. Technical Institute as an instructor. During his time at STI, Ken obtained a Vocational Teacher's Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1968, he was employed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs as a carpenter instructor in a pre-vocational school in Churchill, Manitoba. He taught natives, mainly Inuit (Eskimos) from the Eastern Arctic. In 1974, he was transferred to Ottawa to become an instructor-counsellor, providing on-the-job apprenticeship training in carpentry, to Indians and Inuit. With a crew of 5 or 6 apprentices, he would travel extensively across Northern Canada building houses and other structures that would

provide suitable training. One of his accomplishments, over the years, was to have co-authored a book on carpentry and building construction, published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson in January of 1982, with a second printing in August of 1982. The French version was printed in 1984. This book on construction was the first metric book printed in Canada. Ken was predeceased by his parents Charlie and Lucy; his brothers Harry, Art, Bernard and George; and his sister-in-law Dene Cannon. He is survived by his sister Catherine; brother Don; sisters-in-law Hazel, Maxine, Rita and Jenny; and many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place in London, Ontario. A Memorial Service will be held in St. John's Church in Marquis on Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Father Francis Folleh C.S.S.p will preside. Donations to St. John's Cemetery Fund or to St. John's Church, Marquis, Sask. S0H 2X0, would be appreciated by the family.