

Harris, William Reginald

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William Reginald Harris

William Reginald Harris of Moose Jaw passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the age of 85 after a lengthy battle with COPD. Reg was born on December 11, 1922 in Moose Jaw where he resided for most of his life.

Reg spent much of his youth on a farm south of Boharm, attending Thompson Lake School. In 1939, he enlisted in the military reserve and received basic training at Dundurn, Sask. He was sent to Camp Borden, Ontario and subsequently to the south of England. As a military policeman, he served in North Africa, throughout Italy, France, Belgium and Holland – where he met Margaretha Nienhuis. They were married in Haren, Groningen on October 17, 1945. In 1946, Reg returned to Moose Jaw with his bride and first son, receiving his Army discharge in the Fall of that year. While raising their three children, Reg worked at the Moose Jaw Fire Department for 33 years. During this time, he assumed responsibility of the family's original homestead northwest of the city, where he thoroughly enjoyed working the land. Reg was predeceased by his parents Bill and May, his wife Marg and his older sister Ruth (Frank) Ohr. He is survived by

his second wife Ida Ward, sister Dean (Gord) McKinnon, sisters-in-law Leen Hoekstra and Riek Wigboldus, brother-in-law Dolf Nienhuis and their extended families. Also surviving are children Bill (Carole), Aafke Fahr, and Bob (Karen); grandchildren BJ (Denise) and Whitney Harris, Medorann (Mat) Boucher Plante, Burkie (Rhett) Burgess, Rob (Laurie) and Matthew Fahr, and Chris Harris; great grandchildren Liam Harris, Matéa and Kycen Boucher Plante, Kennedy Burgess, Jordan and Jenna Fahr as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and stepchildren Heather and Randy (Glenda) Ward. *The family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Union Hospital, the Pioneers Lodge and the Mulberry Estates Retirement Residence. Special thanks to Irene at the Overseas Restaurant – Reg's "adopted" daughter for the past several years.* Friends so wishing may make a donation to The Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association (SPFFA) Burn Fund. Payments can be sent to the Moose Jaw Fire Hall at 1205 Main St North, Moose Jaw SK, S6H 6M3. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at the Central Lutheran Church, located at 27 Hochelaga Street West. Pastor Doug Shepherd will be presiding. A reception will follow in the church hall. Internment at Rosedale Cemetery will occur at a later date.