Pretzer, Sergeant Lawrence

July 19, 2009

Sergeant Lawrence Pretzer (Lorne, Pud)

It is with deepest regret and sorrow that we announce the passing of our husband, dad and grandfather, on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at the age of 72 years. A long time resident of Moose Jaw he gave his life to public service and the community. As a member of the Moose Jaw Police Service for 35 years from the time he walked his beat till the time he retired he gave his all for the community and the members he worked with. He admitted long ago to lying about his age to join the military and spent decades as a member of the Reserves and Saskatchewan Dragoons, eventually retiring with the rank of Major. His dedication to community service culminated with long memberships with organizations like the Moose Jaw Shrine Club, The Masonic Lodge, Moose Jaw Legion and the Corps of Commissionaires where he most recently worked at the SIAST campus. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years, Anna; son Dana (Anne); daughter Michelle (Darcy) Gallagher; his brother Donald (Carol); and his sister Dianne. And so important to Dad are his 6 grandchildren; Jennifer, Jeffrey, Erin, Evan, Alex and Sara. He adored them and till the day he died always asked how they were doing. At Lorne's request a Private Family Graveside Service will be held. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Lorne's name may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 61B Ross St. W., Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 2M2, the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Sask., 279 3rd Ave. N., Saskatoon, Sk., S7K 2H8 or to a charity of your choice.

"My father was my hero and always will be.
He is gone but not forgotten."
Oh Lord, while I'm on my beat
May I know that you're with me,
And protect me as I go to guard

Other’s lives and property.
Help me ignore those who scorn
And show me no respect,
But be mindful of all citizens
I’ve sworn to protect.
Be with my fellow officers
And guard their safety too.
May I always put duty first
In the work that I must do.
May I not disgrace the uniform
But bring pride to the badge I wear.
That I’d be a good policeman, Lord
Would be my only prayer.

Amen.