

FREDRICKSON, William A. March 15, 1932 - May 12, 2017

With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of William Allen Fredrickson. Known by his friends as Bill, known in his youth as Billy, he was our loyal and most-loved husband, father, and grandfather. Bill passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on May 12, 2017.

Bill is survived by Kay, his devoted wife of 52 years; his daughters Shelli Hutcheson, Terri Gummow, and Rebecca Fredrickson; and his grandchildren Sarah Gabel, William Gummow, Helena Morris, and Jessa Morris. He is also survived by brother Edward Fredrickson and sisters Grace Bell and Mina Horne, as well as by many loving nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Bill was predeceased by his parents Edwin and Ruby Fredrickson and by brothers and sisters Raymond Fredrickson, Charlie Fredrickson, Bobby Fredrickson, Sam Fredrickson, Irene Dahlquist, Vivian Bue, and Evelyn Soderquist.

Bill was born in Valhalla Centre, Alberta in 1932, and he worked in his dad's Valhalla butcher shop while attending junior high school. He began his career in construction when he got a job as a cat skinner at the age of 17. He worked many winters "in the bush," in and around such places as Fort Nelson, Liard, and Norman Wells. He also worked as a consultant for Suncor from 1993 to 2005.

Bill was also a farmer. He took a homestead in Cherry Point in the 1950's. After their marriage in 1965, Bill and Kay moved into an unfinished house in Bear Canyon. From this modest beginning, they created a beautiful yard and family home. In 2006, they moved to Doe River, BC, where they built another home and spent many happy hours gardening and landscaping together.

Bill loved nature and fishing, and he and his family shared so many memorable camping trips. Bill also enjoyed river, lake, and ocean fishing with his brothers and close friends.

Bill was known for his patience, kindness, generosity, and graciousness. He will be deeply missed by those who had the good fortune to have known him. We are incredibly grateful for the time we could spend with him.

Thank you, dad. Thank you, grandpa. Thank you, Billy. Thank you for being with us, thank you for praying for us, and thank you for making the world feel safe and right and constant for us. We miss you terribly, but we are blessed. We will love you forever.