



## FRANK HIGENS

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Frank Higen, a long time resident of Dawson Creek, B.C., passed away on Friday, April 7, 2017 in Grande Prairie, Alberta at the age of 86 years.

Frank was born in Pouce Coupe on July 8, 1930. He was one of five children born to Ike and Phyllis along with his sisters Alice, Marjorie, Evelyn and baby sister Grace.

On August 28, 1954, Frank married Evelyn Stevenson. He described Eve as "my beloved wife who was my greatest inspiration". Together, Frank and Evelyn welcomed five children Valerie, Sidney, Donald, Lyle and Leslie. Evelyn and Frank lived in Swift River for three years and then moved to Watson Lake until the summer of 1965. His passion was truck driving and over the years he worked for C.N.T., Canadian Freightways, along with others. The family then settled in Dawson Creek. Frank loved driving and continued to drive until his passing. His last job was driving the Dawson Creek City Transit Bus where he made many friends.

Frank enjoyed a number of interests and passions. Hats were one. He had a big collection (around 50), but it was the Stetson that always came out for important occasions. Curling was a passion and he spent many winters curling during his years on the Alaska Highway.

In his later years, he and Eve enjoyed being part of the vandal patrol for 10 years. They also worked with South Peace Historical Society, the Pioneer Village, and the Senior Citizens Society. He really enjoyed hunting and went on many hunts with Don at his old friend Earl's place.

Frank enjoyed his time at Northview putting puzzles together, reading, crossword puzzles, taking his friend John for drives, and going to the coffee shop with the old boys.

Frank was predeceased by his parents and all of his sisters, as well as his wife of 56 years Evelyn; two sons, Lyle & Sidney, and infant great-granddaughter Kaylen Evelyn Coffey.

Frank is survived by his daughter Valerie and her husband Brian Coffey, their children Nathan & Megan and son Ethan, Dustin & Crystal, son Jace & daughter Hayden, Tanner & (Chelsea Webb); Frank's son Donald and wife Lorna; his son Leslie and wife Tammy and their sons Tyler and Riley; and Lyle's children Lauren & Kyle Higen; his Sisters-in-Law Jean Burns & Fern and John Anderson along with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Bethel Pentecostal Church 11501-17 Street, Dawson Creek. Reverend Marilyn Carroll officiated. Interment will be held at a later date.

For friends so wishing donations may be made in memory of Frank to the Rotary Manor Resident Council Fund 1121-90 Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 5A3 or to the Canadian Cancer Society, 1000-105 Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 2L4 or to the Northview Entertainment Committee 1125-90 Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 5A3.

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