

In Loving Memory Of

DARRYL CHARLES FRANCIS

Born: Wednesday, October 11, 1933

Died: Monday, December 7, 2015

Age: 82 years

INTERMENT

Whitewood Cemetery
Whitewood, Saskatchewan
Saturday, December 19, 2015
at 1:30 p.m.

OFFICIANT

Heather McEwen

MEMORIAL GATHERING

Legion Community Hall
Whitewood, Saskatchewan
at 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Charity of choice

Darryl was born to John and Drina Francis in Whitewood, SK on October 11, 1933, the youngest of seven children. Darryl attended school in Whitewood and left home at a relatively young age to join the Canadian Navy. He served five years in the navy which included active duty in the Korean war.

After leaving the navy, Darryl settled in Victoria, BC where he worked in a funeral home. In 1966, Darryl moved back to Whitewood to take over the ambulance and funeral business from his older brother, Donald. Darryl served as Justice of the Peace in Whitewood for many years, and he was active as an executive of the Whitewood Orioles hockey team and the Saskatchewan Road Ambulance Association. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and the Legion in Whitewood.

After 15 years of operating the ambulance and funeral businesses in Whitewood, Darryl married Audrey and moved to Courtenay, BC where Darryl worked for Piercy's Funeral Home, managing the crematorium. In 1996 Darryl and Audrey moved to Olds, AB to be closer to family. In retirement, they enjoyed an RV lifestyle, which included an epic trip across Canada and back through the southern states. Darryl and Audrey took their RV south in subsequent years and spent eight winters in Mesa, Arizona where Darryl was known for his prowess at pool. Back home in Olds, he enjoyed making wine and playing pool with his friends, Jack and Lloyd. He developed close, life-long friendships with people in every stage of his life and was known for his generous spirit, his love of family and his hearty laugh.

Darryl was predeceased by his parents, John and Drina Francis, and by his brothers, David (Kingston, ON), Donald (Whitewood, SK), Dudley (Parksville, BC) and Douglas (Round Lake, SK). He is survived by his wife, Audrey; sister Drina and Des Barton of Calgary; brother Delmer and Gwen Francis of Victoria; his children, Lina-Dee (Roland) Andres of Edmonton, AB, D. Shawn (Patti) Francis of Sidney, BC and Erin (Shelley) Francis of Langley, BC; his stepchildren, Lee (Diana) Ashfield of Whitewood, SK, Kim (Craig) Lucyk of Whitecourt, AB and Lisa (Shane) Anderson of Calmar, AB; 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews throughout Canada.

Arrangements entrusted to
MATTHEWS FUNERAL HOME
Melville & Whitewood, SK