



F Fred Soloveoff 1923 - 2013

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfather, Fred J Soloveoff. Fred passed away on Friday, April 19, 2013, at the Hardy View Lodge in Grand Forks, B.C. at the age of 89, just one month short of his 90th birthday.

Fred was born to John W. and Annie (nee Planidin) Soloveoff on May 20, 1923, in Kylemore, Saskatchewan. He was the second eldest son with an older brother Pete, and two younger sisters, Helen and Mable. He received his schooling in Buchanan, Saskatchewan where his family moved from Kylemore to manage the C.C.U.B. Community store, warehouse and lumber yard until the foreclosure in 1938. In 1942, the family left Buchanan for Grand Forks, B.C., where they settled on a small farm on Carson Road.

Fred, besides helping on the farm, spent the summers working in the orchards in the Okanagan Valley. In the winter, Fred participated with many other Doukhobor youth in the USCC Cultural groups, particularly in drama and choir. As a young man, he loved baseball and softball and played on teams, perhaps the best known was the Osoyoos Rangers. He also had a passion for reading and was well informed on many subjects.

In 1951, Fred took as his wife, Mabel Zoobkoff, and a short while after, they left for the Okanagan Valley, where

they lived for several years tending the orchards. Upon their return, they purchased some land in the Sion area, built their beautiful home overlooking the valley and raised their family, a daughter and two sons.

Fred loved to garden and grow fruit and spent many long hours working the land. Their home was next door to the Sirotskoye Official USCC Residence, where he often shared his orchard and gardening expertise. Over the years he was employed at the Sunshine Valley Co-op store, with Lazeroff's Construction Company and as a Water Bailiff for Sion Improvement District.

In the late 70's, his wife Mabel became very ill and after a six year battle passed away in October 1980. Fred continued to live on their family farm right up to his declining years. About four years ago, due to his failing health, Fred moved into Hardy View Lodge, where he lived until his passing.

Fred was a devout vegetarian and a life-long member of the USCC. In his retirement, he enjoyed singing with the USCC Men's Choir and will be greatly missed for his love, kindness, friendliness and captivating easy smile.

Besides his beloved wife Mabel, he was predeceased by his mother and father, his older brother Peter, and his sisters, Mable and Helen; also a son-in-law, Kent Robbie.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved children: daughter, Kathryn Robbie from Castlegar B.C., sons John and Cathy from Langley, B.C. and Fred and Norma from Grand Forks, B.C., six grandchildren, Katya, Rachel, Sarah, Jonathon, Kailey and Alisha, four great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a very special friend to Fred and his entire family, Mary Podmoroff.

We wish our beloved father, grandfather, uncle and friend eternal peace in God's heavenly kingdom. His loving spirit will forever live in our hearts until we meet again. May he rest in peace. A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 10 AM, at the USCC Community Center in Grand Forks BC, with burial following at the Sion Cemetery, Paul J. Seminoff officiating; arrangements entrusted to Everett Baker of Grand Forks Funeral Home.



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