



## Nick Denisoff 1933 - 2013

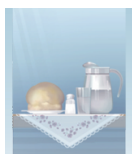
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nick John Denisoff on December 26, 2013. He is survived by his wife Mable, their four children and partners, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nick was born in 1933 in Glade to John and Polly Denisoff. In 1955, he married Mable Chernenkoff. Nick chose to live, work, and play in Glade. He was a ferryman for most of his career, and he enjoyed farming, sports, and sharing his knowledge of woodworking and Doukhobor history. He sang in many choirs, including the Kootenay Choir, the Kootenay Men's Choir, and the Heritage Choir. He also played on the Glade baseball team and the Glade Beavers hockey team. Nick's devotion to his

family and friends knew no bounds. He welcomed newcomers and was deeply involved in the Glade community, actively volunteering his time and skills. As a dedicated craftsman, he was a founding member of the Kootenay Men's Group.

The family thanks the Castlegar Funeral Home, Peter Zaytsoff, and all the others who kindly helped with the funeral. We would also like to thank the Glade community, first responders, medical staff, and John J. Verigin for his words of comfort. In addition, we extend a heartfelt thank you to family and friends who have sent love and support. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to either the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation or to ISKRA.

*Read a tribute to Nick on the following page ...*



**In Memoriam**  
Vechnaya Pamyat

Preserving the memory of our deceased family members and friends

The following tribute to Nick was presented at the service.  
- by his long-time friend Walter W. Kanigan.

Dear Mable, Neil, Elena, Luba, Dennis and all of your wonderful family,

It's tough to say good bye to someone who has filled your life with so much value, wisdom, generosity, and energy. Nick was a prolific master crafter for decades and it was always his dream to help form a Men's Group and assist the community through working together. He was a founding member of the initial group of men at the very beginning and in 1988 the first group of volunteers started gathering at his shop in Glade, building wood crafts and later, in 1997, pine caskets. They later moved to the Shoreacres school. The first 10 years, even refreshments were provided by his wife, Mable. After the Training Centre was built in 1999, Nick's expertise and advice was still close at hand, and we would often draw on it.

Nick was always very passionate about passing on his woodcraft and ladle making competence, and held many workshops to teach interested woodcrafters the skill. Men and women from the Kootenay region gleaned as much as they could from his crafting skills, in making ladles and wooden bowls, and his various work technics.

There was hardly ever a festival or craft fair where Nick and his wife Mable were not displaying and sharing their beautiful work, even having a fun music box that startled people when a coin was dropped. The young at heart and children loved to gather at the Glade Craft table to chat with Nick sharing his willing sense of humour and warm personality.

Most people don't accomplish as much in their lives as Nick did, in the course of his life. It's, no wonder that he said, he already lived more than one lifetime!

Although it's hard to say goodbye, I feel truly blessed to have been a close friend, spoke regularly, shared ideas and socialized casually. On behalf of the Kootenay Men's group, I would like to extend out deepest sympathy for the loss of our willing community worker, our dear friend Nick. May you rest in peace.

Dear Mable and all of your family - we pray that God will give you strength and courage to overcome your loss. We love you dearly.

Вечная память в Царствии Небесном!