With very sad hearts the family of Pete and Tina Maloff of Thrums wish to announce their passing. On Sunday, April 7, 2013, Pete, blessed with 89 years of life, passed away at Castleview Care Centre and four days later, on Thursday, April 11, 2013, Tina, blessed with 87 years of life, also passed away at Castleview Care Centre.

Pete was born in Yuba City, California on October 26, 1923 to parents Lucy and Pete Maloff and Tina was born in Crescent Valley, BC on September 21, 1925 to parents Polly and Fred Shlakoff. They married in Thrums, BC on January 28, 1948 and raised three children. While Tina was a homemaker, Pete was a carpenter, worked on many construction projects and was the president for many years of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 2458.

Pete embraced a life of toil and peace, always helped anybody who asked and loved gardening and nature in general. All his life, he was a strict vegetarian, struggled against militarism and worked to preserve the environment. Pete also had the most beautiful rolling laugh that was infectious and hard to stop.

Tina was a superb gardener and ran a small business selling bedding plants out of her greenhouse. She loved nature and enjoyed watching animals in her yard. Tina was also an extremely devoted member of the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ. She was a fine cook and was a long-time member of the Thrums Ladies’ Cooking Group.

Both Tina and Pete were predeceased by their parents and Tina was predeceased by two brothers Sam and Fred Shlakoff.

Left to mourn their loss are sons Peter and Paul; daughter Olga Kennedy; grandchildren Tom, Sean (Sarah), Michael, Sara (Dan) and Carter; Tina’s sister Polly Gevatkow; Pete’s sisters Elsie Maloff, Luba Rezansoff and Naida Johnstone and brothers Walter and John and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Pete were officiated by Sid Malakoff at Castlegar Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 12, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon followed by interment in the Brilliant Cemetery and Funeral Services for Tina were officiated by Sid Malakoff at Castlegar Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon followed by interment next to her loving husband in the Brilliant Cemetery.

Donations in Pete’s and Tina’s Memory may be made to ISKRA, Box 760, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Castleview Care Centre and to Dr. Merritt for their wonderful care of Pete, to all the Home Support staff for their devoted care of Tina and to the community who came to their assistance at their time of need. They extend a special thank you to their two wonderful aunts, Polly Gevatkow and Elsie Maloff.