Sadly the family of William John Perepelkin of Brilliant wishes to announce his passing at Talarico Place Care Centre on Saturday, June 9, 2012, blessed with 89 years of life.

Bill was born in Glade on November 28, 1922, the eldest of six children, to parents Nellie and John Perepelkin. In 1924, the family moved to Saskatchewan, where they lived for several years and Bill attended school in Verigin. In 1938, the family moved back to British Columbia, living in the Slocan Valley and Slocan Park and finally in 1941, they moved back to Glade where Bill met his life’s love, Tina Verigin.

On February 28, 1946, Bill and Tina got married. They had two sons and lived there until 1954, when they moved to Krestova and had a daughter. In 1962, they moved to Agassiz, BC and then to Vancouver, where Bill was a carpenter in construction. In 1974, the family moved to Brilliant and Bill continued his carpentry trade on different projects.

Bill was a member of the USCC and loved to sing in choirs and participated in the peace movement. He served as a director of the Doukhobor Historical Society and was also a member of KRUNA. Bill loved tending his fruit trees, yard and garden. He was an avid reader and liked to have philosophical discussions. Bill dearly loved his family and was a life-long strict vegetarian. In 2010, suffering from a fractured hip, Bill moved into Talarico Place Care Centre, residing there for the remainder of his life.

Bill was predeceased by his son Dennis in 1992 and his sister Una and his brothers Fred and George.

Left to mourn his loss is his wife of 66 years Tina; son Walter (Donna); daughter Beverley (Peter) Bloodoff; daughter-in-law Janice; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; sisters Hazel Samaradin and Elma Hadikin and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were in care of Castlegar Funeral Chapel. Thank you to Bill Strilaeff and staff for their guidance.

The family would like to thank Dr. Ankenbauer and the entire staff of Talarico Place Care Centre for their compassion and care during our father’s last days. We would also like to express our gratitude to all our family, friends and relatives for their support and to all those that attended the service.

Thank you, Mike A. Kanigan, for officiating the service at the Brilliant Cultural Center on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, followed by interment at the Brilliant Cemetery.

Donations in William’s memory may be made to the USCC or ISKRA.

“MAY HE REST IN PEACE IN GOD’S HEAVENLY KINGDOM.”