

# THE SIMILKAMEEN SPOTLIGHT

## Leonard Garold Harker "Len"

October 2, 2022

**October 9, 1939 - October 2, 2022**

In loving memory ~

Survived by his daughter, Lennea; grandson, Brandon; brothers Roy (Myra), Gary (Linda); sisters, Louise, Susan (Del) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by wife Myrt, daughter Jeanine and stepdaughter Cheryl.

Len was the firstborn of Toots and Jerry, in Princeton, B.C. and resided on Burton Avenue until he married Myrt and moved to their home on the Coalmont Road. He ran cat in the bush, worked for Elmer Burr at the Imperial Bulk Plant for a few years and managed the ski hill at Manning Park in the late 1960's. He owned and operated the Pacific 66 service station, where he made many friends among the RCMP and became an auxiliary policeman. He then went back to logging as a contractor and followed that by working for Weyerhaeuser as Road Maintenance Supervisor for 20 years.

As a young man Len went hunting on horseback with good friends and also enjoyed fishing. Princeton history was a hobby, particularly collecting photos of old bridges. He enjoyed involvement with the Museum and restoring his father's 1952 logging truck. His retirement offered him the opportunity to pursue his interests in antique tools and thus began the quest for every Stanley plane in the country! He took on creating with wood, making anything his family requested. Exuberantly received were his child size pieces of furniture, cars, butterfly boxes, blunt ended wooden swords, and ride-on diggers. The last few years were quiet ones as his mobility became compromised. He managed at home with terrific care from Home Support. Due to dementia, Len moved to Ridgewood Lodge in 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ridgewood Lodge.



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