William Miller

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MILLER, WILLIAM HYATT

February 20, 1916 - July 24, 2012

William Hyatt Miller was born in Rossland, BC on Feb. 20, 1916. His parents were William Stewart Miller and Evelyn Miller. He and his family came to Princeton in 1919. Bill had 4 sisters, Jean Dunsmore/Broomfield (deceased), May Savage (deceased) Louise Mullin (deceased) and Beth Norman (Jim Sr.) and 2 brothers Wilfred (died in infancy) and Bob (deceased). Bill was married to his first wife, Nadine, in 1940. She died in 1970. They had 3 children: Karen (Craig), Mary-Lou and Bill Jr. (Patsy). He married his second wife Connie in 1976. He had 2 step children, Leda Leander and Steven Leander. Bill had 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. He will also be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews who live throughout BC and Alberta and one in South America and his many great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

During the early depression years Bill worked on farms and for West Kootenay Power on power line construction. He spent 43 years in the mining industry mainly for Granby and associate companies at Allenby, Copper Mountain, Granisle (Plant Superintendent), Phoenix Copper (Manager), and Vancouver. He was also closely associated with Western Nickel, Jedway Iron Ore and Granduc. While in Vancouver he worked on many feasibility studies and spent time as manager of a mine in Southeast Africa. Late in 1979 Granby was sold to Noranda so he retired and moved back to Princeton.

He has travelled extensively over the world. He said recently: "my health and happiness over the last 36 years is mainly due to my lovely and loving wife, Connie, and I have had a good life and have been extremely proud of all my family and my extended family".

He loved the great outdoors, loved to fish and could be seen frequently at MacKenzie Lake and at many of the streams, lakes and rivers in the Princeton area.

He will be sadly missed by all of his large family and his many many friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Tulameen Community Hall Saturday August 11, 2012 at 1:00 pm.

In Lieu of flowers donation can be made to the Princeton General Hospital.