

Howard Wray Rice

Howard Wray Rice died at the age of 99 years, having been predeceased in 2014 by his wife Dorothy (nee Gregory). Howie grew up on a farm near Asquith with his parents Walter and Jessie (nee Nisbet), and his brothers Russell and Gordon. He joined the RCAF during WWII and became a pilot. His plane was shot down and he spent several months as a prisoner of war.

Following his return home, he attended the University of Saskatchewan and obtained an Agriculture Degree. He and Dorothy were wed in 1945 and spent most of their married life in Regina where they raised their four sons. Howie worked as Director of the Saskatchewan Lands Branch, and upon retirement worked with the Canadian International Development Agency in both Kenya and Nepal. Howie and Dorothy retired to Osoyoos, BC, and later moved back to Regina to be close to family.

Howie will be lovingly remembered by his family, Sons: #1 Doug (Cat), #2 Jim, #3 Tom (Deb) and #4 Steve. Grandchildren: Chris, Nathan, Meaghan, Kayleigh, Lindsay, Mitchell, Michael, Andrew, Morgan, Jami and Joe; and nine great-grandchildren, Laila, Emilie, Julia, Andrew, Ava, Ben, Norah, Abe and Lauren. He was predeceased by his grandson Duncan, and daughter-in-law Lauren.

Thank you to the staff on the Veterans Ward at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre for your kind care of Howie for the past 3-1/2 years. Howie was Akela of the 37th Wolf Cub Pack in Regina for many years and his parting message for the pack seems appropriate here: " Good night, good hunting, and go straight home." Cremation has taken place. Howie and Dorothy will be interred together at a later date.