

## Frances “Joe” Bochsler



Joe was born Friday, May 16, 1924, in Biggar, Saskatchewan to Arnold and Pauline Bochsler. After living in Biggar until 1933, Joe's family moved to The Pas, Manitoba. In The Pas Joe developed his talent for earning his way in the world with three paper routes that helped his mother and father during the depression.

Joe joined the army in 1943 and participated in the liberation of Holland. He met and married his wife Guurtje (Juda) in Holland in 1945 and they returned to The Pas in 1946. Joe and Juda embarked on their first business venture in 1947 - a small restaurant in Flin Flon. In 1950, they returned to The Pas and purchased the Alouette Hotel and did well. In 1957, Joe and Juda opened the Dutch Drive-In which remains to this day, operated by their daughter Josie.... a favorite spring and summer lunch stop for countless residents of The Pas.

Business flourished and in the 1960s Joe and Juda began their annual winter get-away to Acapulco., a winter escape for almost 20 years. In 1983, Joe was devastated by the loss of his wife Juda. He searched for and found the second love of his life in 1986 when he met Anne Aspen. Anne and Joe had many adventures and travels to Australia, Europe, the Caribbean, and the USA and Canada. In 2007, failing health brought Joe to live with Anne on the farm near Porcupine Plain where he enjoyed her loving care.

In addition to family and friends, Joe loved to play crib, watch sports on TV, crack jokes and share his pearls of wisdom with family and friends. Joe touched the lives of so many with his wit and generosity. He had a wonderful skill for conversing with people and maintained his trademark sense of humour to the end. Joe passed away peacefully Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Tisdale Hospital, Tisdale, Saskatchewan, age 87 years.

Joe will be forever loved and remembered by his loving partner Anne; his devoted children Josie and Arnold; treasured grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joe's service of remembrance was held Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, The Pas, Manitoba with James Hemauer presiding. Memories of the heart were shared by granddaughter Karen Ballantyne and Robert Aspen. A scripture reading was proclaimed by Debbie Lane. Urn bearer was grandson Brad Olson. Honor guard was the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #19. A private family interment was held at Riverside Catholic Cemetery, The Pas, Manitoba. In Lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 19, Box 478, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1K6.