



Claude Joyal

Claude was born at his home on Larose Avenue in The Pas, MB to Helen and Joseph Joyal, Tuesday, September 28, 1920. He was the first son born after four daughters. His parents were so excited, they gave him a lengthy name, naming him Claude Edward Roland George Joseph Joyal. He grew up in The Pas, attending Sacred Heart School for eight years and then attending Red Brick School. He took a business course in 1938 and after was employed by Burns Meat Packers. During this time he met the love of his life, June Smith.

In 1942 he joined the Canadian Navy, took his basic training in Winnipeg for two months and then went to Prince Rupert for five months. He was then drafted to H.M.C.S. Waskesiu in Esquimalt, BC. Claude came back to The Pas in 1944 and while on leave he married his sweetheart, June Smith, November 4, 1944. He then went to Halifax and St. Johns where he was on Harbor-Craft until his discharge from the Navy in 1945. He joined the Knights of Columbus, Charlebois Council 2704 on November 1, 1945 upon his return to The Pas. He was employed by Scott National Fruit Company for eight years. He then worked for Dominion Catering for two years. He was moved up north with this company so he quit and returned to The Pas. He was employed with St. Anthony's Hospital as a Purchasing Agent until his retirement in 1985. Claude also dabbled in trapping.

Claude enjoyed life to its fullest and enjoyed getting together with his family and friends doing a lot of dancing and carrying on. He loved to dance and play piano which he played by heart. Many a party was spent dancing the night away. Claude was the life of the party. He was a very generous and humble man and never judged. He accepted everyone for who they were and treated everyone the same. He never bragged. There was a saying he lived by, "there is no need to tell others what a good job you are doing, others will tell you...." Claude and June found a lot at Clearwater Lake in 1963 and over a number of years built their summer home as they could afford it. They enjoyed many summers and some winter trips to their cabin and hosted many friends.

Claude proudly served with the Legion Branch #19 in The Pas, taking part in various events Over the years, he was awarded a life membership to the Legion. Remembrance Day was dear to him and he proudly wore his poppy and marched in the parade.

Claude passed away Monday, September 29, 2014 at his home in The Pas, surrounded by his family, at the age of 94 years. One day after his birthday - he had to make sure he got one more party in. Prayers and visitation were held Friday, October 3, 2014, 7:00 pm, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, The Pas, Manitoba.

The funeral service for Claude was held Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 1:00 pm, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, The Pas, Manitoba with Rev. Jack Herklotz and Rev. Robert Laroche presiding. Music ministry was provided by Rochelle Rydberg and Claude's granddaughters Ginger and Jackie Joyal. Memories of the heart were shared by Claude's daughters Miki Martin, Renée Parsons and friend Murray Harvey. Pallbearers were Claude's grandsons Troy and Trevor Martin, Jeff, Doug, Chris and Daniel Joyal.

Honor Guard was the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #19 and the Knights of Columbus. In lieu of flowers, donations to Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #19, Box 478, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1K6, would be appreciated by Claude's family.