

Emil Kran
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EMIL KRAN

Emil Kran, Morris pioneer and inspiration to many, passed away on March 5, 2010 at age 95. He was predeceased by his wife Esther (nee Regitnig) in 1983, and leaves behind his daughters Janice in Vancouver, B.C. and Marcia (Luis) in Geneva, Switzerland; sister Clare in Nanaimo, B.C., as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Lillian, Thelma, Kay, and brothers Albert, Art, Bill, and Edmund.

Emil was born in Beausejour on December 7, 1914 in a small cabin, of German immigrant parents, John and Albertina. He was a strong, heroic man, who left school at an early age to work on the prairies and in the woodlands during the Great Depression. He cleared bush, trained for the Canadian Forces during WWII, and farmed in the Red

River Valley for forty years. In 1955 he married Esther, and they built their home in Morris, where he lived until last year.

Emil contributed much to the lives of Morris residents. He was one of the builders of the Lutheran Church, grew a huge garden for many years, and loved to share its bounty and his woodworking with many. He was a man of strong opinions, with a deep sense of fairness, and a great zest for passionate debates about subjects including politics. He was a fisher, a hunter, and a son of the land that he loved, and worked with his hands his whole life. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Emil will be put to rest in the Morris Cemetery after a service at the Lutheran Church of the Cross on Thursday March 11 at 11:00 a.m. In his memory, donations may be made to the Red River Valley Lodge, or the Lutheran Church of the Cross Memorial Fund.