



REMEMBERING Orvil Myers

March 16, 2019



Orvil James Myers passed away Saturday March 16, with his wife Florence, daughter Heather and friend Pat beside him. Orvil and Florence moved to the Kootenays 11 years ago to be closer to Heather, living in Thrums, then in Nelson at Lakeview Village and Mountain Lakes Seniors Community. He was a quiet, humorous man, who loved building and working with his hands.

Orvil and Florence met while working at Norton Labs in Niagara Falls, Ontario and were married in 1949. They lived on Manitoulin Island while Orvil worked for Ontario Paper and Florence developed the photography skills that would become the foundation of her career as a Portrait Photographer in Oakville, Ontario. Orvil worked for international Harvester as a Service Manager, travelling extensively throughout Ontario. After retiring, he worked briefly at George Brown College in Toronto, and with CIDA in Granada, training construction workers during the rebuilding of the airport. Primarily, he enjoyed building their "cottage" in Meldrum Bay on Manitoulin Island, a house fashioned and finished with many hand-built details. Orvil and Florence also had lots of interesting travels, to Britain, Portugal, the Rhine, Mexico, Bermuda, Florida and the southern states, California, and several times to the Arctic to visit Heather.

Orvil enjoyed excellent health until he was 92, when dementia grabbed hold of him. The past four years have been hard for him, and those who loved him. In the end, he stopped eating and drinking, and declined rapidly over a few days. He had wonderful caring attention from the nursing staff at Mountain Lakes, making his last days as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

There will be no funeral service, but a reception will be held March 29 to appreciate his life. Please contact Heather for details.

