



REMEMBERING
Roger Legge

July 2, 2016 - April 16, 1928



Roger Cran Legge

It is with great sadness that the family of Roger Legge announces his passing on July 2, 2016 at the age of 88 after a short illness. He was surrounded by his family and at peace after a long and active life.

Roger lived at Long Beach on Kootenay Lake.

He was predeceased by his wife Louise Legge and grandson Justin Wyton.

Roger is survived by his sister-in-law Shirley (& Ed) Haid, and his 5 children: Geoff (& Melanie) Legge, Joanne (& Mike) Tench, Celia (& Shawn) Gresley-Jones, Diane (& Dan) Knight, Devin (& Tammy) Legge, plus 6 grandchildren: Tessa Diaczun and Jessie Gresley-Jones, Emily Fix and Stephanie Tench, Connor and Evan Legge, and 1 great-grandchild Petra Fix.

Roger was born April 16, 1928 in Rhynie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. At the age of 8, Roger and his widowed mother Mabel Legge emigrated to Canada. There his mother married again and Roger spent the next 8 years with step-brother and sister Wilfred (Bud) and Sheila Gammie. They lived in various prairie towns, ending up in Swift Current, where he and his mother stayed while Roger attended University of Saskatchewan earning a degree in Mechanical engineering. Roger spent several high school summers on a friend's farm helping and having fun with the large Fraser family. One of his most memorable university summer jobs was doing surveying with a crew in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. His love of hiking and mountains may have started then. After graduating in 1949, Roger worked in Swift

Current for 2 years. He then got a job with Husky Oil in Lloydminster, where he met his wife, who had just arrived in Lloydminster to teach school. Louise Kernen and he were married July 31, 1954. Husky Oil moved the family to Calgary in the summer of 1956 and they stayed there for 8 years. Many of Roger and Louise's lifelong friends were from Calgary. Roger's mother also moved to Calgary to be closer to her son and grandchildren. Fearing a transfer to the USA or possible layoffs, Roger and Louise looked for a new job and a good location to raise their family. Trail/Rossland fit the bill with a job at Cominco, mountains to hike, lakes for camping, and a cousin of Louise's in Rossland (Berniece and Cyril Lambert). The family took up skiing immediately and Roger skied at Red Mountain continuously for 51 years with only 1 year at Whitewater ski hill in Nelson. Roger volunteered as a Scout leader while his son Geoff was young, was always an active United Church member, and enjoyed woodworking, camping, hiking and skiing with the family.

With an eye on retirement, Louise and Roger purchased a house on Kootenay Lake in 1983, and 5 years later after retirement they moved to the Lake house. Roger tried fishing (what he referred to as washing hooks) for several years. Roger and Louise made several overseas trips and North American trips and enjoyed retirement, golfing, hiking camps and their grandchildren thoroughly. In 1998 Roger lost Louise in a car accident. His church, many friends, family, golfing, and skiing, and yearly trips have kept Roger busy during his last years. Many local residents will recall the little silver Honda sports car heading up the lake road. (as Roger out enjoying himself.)

A service of remembrance will be held at 1100 am on Saturday August 6, 2016 at the Nelson United Church. In lieu of flowers donations to UNICEF would be appreciated.

