



REMEMBERING

Takashi Inouye (Popsie)

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Takashi Inouye left us on February 27 to join his wife and soul mate Ivy. Tak (affectionately known as Popsie) was born in Kagoshima, Japan on September 1, 1926, one of eight children born to the late Masakichi and Ei Inouye. When Tak was three the family immigrated to British Columbia where they settled on the west coast. Tak had many fond memories of fishing and growing up by the ocean. During world war two the government relocated the family to Hastings Park and then Magrath, Alberta where they worked in the sugar beet fields. After the war Tak moved to Glenwood, Alberta and it was while owning and operating a gas station there that Tak met his wife Ivy and her four children. In 1966 they moved to Nelson where Tak worked at Finning Tractor and Central Truck. They purchased property and working together built a home in Longbeach. In 1972 Tak began working on the MV Balfour and the MV Anscomb ferries as an oiler and by 1974 became a marine engineer. Tak and Ivy loved working around their home and yard, spending time with family and friends, fishing, music, and going to the casino. They were a couple who enjoyed each other's company and always welcomed others into their lives. After retiring Tak and Ivy spent their winters in Mesa, Arizona until Ivy became ill. Tak took care of her until her passing in 2002. Tak and Ivy had both experienced the Great Depression and knew what it was like to go without. They valued family, friends and community and were well known for their hospitality, kindness and belief in sharing.

A tea to honor and celebrate Tak's life is scheduled for March 18th at 2:00pm at the Procter Hall. Tak always believed that helping others was the right thing to do, so we ask that in lieu of flowers you do a kind deed. He would like that.

Thank you to Dr. Kirsten and Dr. Janz for the competent and kind care you provided Tak over the years. Thank you also to all of the staff at Mountain Lakes Seniors Community for the compassion and consideration you showed Tak these last five months.

Tak's passing leaves his four sisters, many family members, extended family and friends to not just grieve his passing but to rejoice in the honour of having had this amazing man in our lives. We love you.

