REMEMBERING

John Koteles

December 11, 1926 - May 25, 2016

John Koteles, age 89, passed away unexpectedly at home on May 25, 2016.

John was born on December 11, 1926, in Bodvalenke, Hungary to parents Josef and Emma Koteles. He was their second son. In 1949 he took a ship to Halifax where he met his future wife, Margaret. He then travelled across Canada by train to settle and reunite with his father in Oliver. They were living on Road 2 running an orchard. In October 1951 he married Margaret Barat in Saskatchewan and brought her back to Oliver. He was managing orchards and worked at the original Pacific Silica Mine until they discovered spots on his lungs and thought he was developing silicosis. In 1952 he and Margaret welcomed their first child, Mary Elizabeth. John (Jack) Steve joined them in 1953 and Elizabeth (Betty) Margaret rounded out their family in 1955.

They purchased their property on Road 5 in 1959 where both he and Margaret resided until their deaths. John was active in the South Okanagan Hungarian Club for many years serving on the Executive and President for many years.

John loved his family whole heartedly and would have done anything for them.

He is predeceased by wife, Margaret, son, Jack, brothers, Joe and Bill in Hungary and parents, Josef and Emma.

He is survived by daughters, Mary Wardlaw, Betty (Kelly) Brown, 7 grandchildren, Terry Taylor, Diana (Ed) Warkentin, Andrew (Shannon) Koteles, Cheryl (Steve) Bell, Michael Taylor, John (Jen) Koteles and Kate (Sean Bryson) Brown and 9 great-grandchildren, Dakota, Brian, Kael, Jordyn, James, Kayla, Ethan, Rachel and Christopher.

A family service was held at 11:00 am Saturday May 28, 2016 at the

Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Chapel.

Condolences and tributes may be directed to the family by visiting www.nunes-pottinger.com

Arrangements entrusted to Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium, Oliver & Osoyoos.