



REMEMBERING
Mike Kochan

October 22, 1928 - February 17, 2010



Mike Kochan of Osoyoos, B.C. passed away on February 17 at the age of 81. Mike is survived by Maria, his lovely bride of 57 years. He is also survived by his brother, sisters and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by all of his friends and relatives in B.C., Saskatchewan, Ontario and New Zealand.

Mike was born in Stenen, Saskatchewan on October 22, 1928 to Peter and Mary Kochan who were of Ukrainian heritage. Mike spent most of his career in the food industry both in Canada and the United States and was an award winning chef.

One of the highlights of his career was to prepare food for celebrities such Frank Sinatra, Howard Hughes and others when he was residing in Las Vegas. They loved his cooking. He also had a part as a chef in the original Ocean's Eleven movie.

On his return to Canada Mike opened a restaurant in Kamloops. While he was there he appeared as chef on a television cooking show. Mike and Maria moved to Osoyoos in 1990.

Mike so enjoyed the outdoors; especially fishing and camping. He also loved the beauty of the mountains. Although he loved Osoyoos, he and Maria enjoyed spending time in Arizona in the winter months. He was a kind man with a rich sense of humor and he lived his life to the fullest.

Mike's faith was an important part of his life and he was a member of the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Osoyoos. A memorial service will be held for him at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb 24 at Kingdom Hall in Osoyoos.

Mike's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at McKinney Place in Oliver and Mariposa Gardens in Osoyoos for their care of Mike in his last few weeks.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.nunes-pottinger.com.

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