REMEMBERING

William Bill Kooyman

May 27, 1928 - December 13, 2009

On Sunday December 13, 2009, Bill Kooyman of Oliver, BC passed away peacefully at home after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 81 years old.

William (Bill) Kooyman was born in Isselmonde of Rotterdam, Holland on May 27, 1928.

When he was twenty-five, Bill immigrated to Canada with hopes of fulfilling his dream

to dairy farm.

Bill married Shirley Hemsing in Rolling Hills, Alberta on July 27, 1957. They were blessed with five children; Mary (Jim) Power, Casey (Vivian) Kooyman, Bernice (Jack) French, Audrey (Michael) Grieve and Dwight Kooyman;

thirteen grandchildren; Jordan, Carla, Jennifer (Jason) Holman, Holly, Lisa, Kenny, Regan, Garrett, Aiden, Braden, Cale, Simon and Leah; two great-grandchildren Jaxson and Lucy.

Bill and Shirley dairy farmed in the Evergreen district of central Alberta for thirty enjoyable years where they raised their family.

In 1988, they retired to Oliver, BC. Bill enjoyed his retirement tending his garden and yard.

Visiting with friends and family, playing cards at the Senior’s Centre, traveling and winters in Yuma, Arizona.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, Kees and Wilhelmina, six siblings and one nephew – all of Holland. He is survived by his sister Ploon (Jan) Lijsten, Brothers

Kees (Jenny) Kooyman and Bert (Gisela) Kooyman.

A memorial service will take place in Oliver on May 29, 2010.

Donations in lieu of flowers gratefully accepted to a charity of one’s choice.

Special Thanks

The family wishes to thank Dr. Ruddiman and staff for the many years of care. All the palliative care nurses for their excellent care. Thank you to the friends and immediate and extended family for the loving support. A special thanks to Bert and Gisela Kooyman.

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

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