



Mike Samuel Zibin 1922 - 2013

Mike was born on April 13, 1922 to Sam N. and Mary (nee Zeberoff) Zibin, in the southwest corner of the Sunshine Valley, called Sleepy Hollow, in Grand Forks, BC. He was the youngest of five children.

In 1929 he started public school at the Spencer Hill location. When that school was burned down, the children were moved to the Fructova School near the brick factory owned by the CCUB, Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood. Mike had eight years of formal education and for three of those years he attended Russian school twice a week, after the classes taught in English concluded. He would then walk three kilometres to return home. He remembered his Russian school teachers, Spiridon Denisovich and Evgenia Aleksandrovna Merkuloff, fondly, and often told us the stories the teachers had shared with him and his fellow students, about their life in Russia, and their flight from it, during the Russian Revolution.

In late 1945 he met Annette Stushnoff at her sister Mary's wedding in Sleepy Hollow. The following May, in 1946 they were united in marriage. That summer they went to Kaleden to pick fruit for the season and returned to Sleepy Hollow when the season ended in late fall.

Dad worked at Boundary Sawmills in Midway for three years, in the Sunshine Valley Co-op for more than five years, and then as a faller for a local logging company for eight years. He was a carpenter for many years thereafter, at various hydro dams around BC, mine buildings at Logan Lake, and a sawmill in Houston. He also built two of the houses that we lived in. His final working years were spent at Cominco in

Trail in the mining industry. He then retired at 65 years of age.

Mike was a member of the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ his entire life. He felt strongly about contributing to the organization and served on the USCC Executive Committee for nine years, followed by many years on the Grand Forks Cemetery Board for which he received a distinguished award. He also served on the Sunshine Valley Co-Operative Society Board for 12 years. Mike and Annette were members of the Grand Forks branch of the Canada-USSR Association for many years and took an active role in the Grand Forks Friendship Society.

Dad lived his entire life in Grand Forks and passed away on February 11, 2013. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers and sister many years ago, and recently, by his beloved wife Annette in June 2008. He is survived by:

- His son Larry and his wife Nina, of Grand Forks
- His son Tom and his wife Loveron, of Langley
- His daughter Sandra and her husband Dave Gould of Victoria
- Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren:
 - Larisa and her husband Cory Van Marck of New Westminster
 - Andrea and her partner Jaime McKaig and children Hanna, Ty and Shay, of Grand Forks
 - Misha and his daughter Autumn, of Grand Forks
 - Yasha and his wife Svetla, of Oslo, Norway
 - Aleena and her husband Chris Hildebrand, and their son Isaac, of Langley, BC
 - Gregory Zibin of Langley, BC

Mom and Dad loved their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They worked hard to provide a warm, stable home where we were nurtured, cared for, and encouraged to grow and make our way in the world. Our spouses were warmly welcomed into the family and the grand-children and great-grandchildren brought a special delight to Mom and Dad.

Dad was a man of few words, he didn't waste them, so you knew when he spoke, you had better listen because you were about to learn something, and benefit from his wisdom. If you ever saw my Dad

standing beside my brothers and me, you would notice that we are about six inches taller than him. But we would be the first ones to tell you, that we have spent our entire life, looking up to our Dad.

We will all miss Dad, may God accept his soul into his heavenly kingdom and may he rest in peace. A Funeral Service was held on Monday February 18, 2013 at the USCC Community Centre in Grand Forks, BC, with burial following at the Sion Cemetery, Paul J. Seminoff officiating. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Everett Baker of Grand Forks Funeral Home.



In Memoriam
Vechnaya Pamyat

Preserving the memory of our deceased family members and friends